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EDITORIAL

Enough is enough

CBW Coach and Bus Week

SOME OPERATORS take great delight in forwarding to the *CBW* office offers of work from tour operators. Their motivation is clearly one of exposing the ridiculous rates available and *CBW* is more than happy to help. However, despite almost universal feelings of disbelief underpinned by undoubted anger, there are clearly those who are equally enthusiastic about taking on such work.

For example, in mid-July, the real opportunist could have collected £1,100 for just five days' work and someone will have covered a two-day job last weekend that entailed 450 miles, excluding dead mileage, for the princely sum of £470.

The fact that the tour company concerned faxed operators at random just three days before departure displays one of two things. They were either desperate and open to negotiation, or it was a well-tried strategy that relies on the knowledge that somebody somewhere has a spare vehicle and access to a volunteer driver.

Most operators consign such offers to the bin. Others take a careful look at the circumstances and make an economic offer - ie, something close to twice the so-called going rate. It may even be worth treating these opportunities as real distress situations and apply an elementary knowledge of the forces of supply and demand. It wouldn't be unreasonable to charge £1,000 in such circumstances.

However, there's every chance that the tour operator wins the game as one of your competitors with an eye on turnover rather than profit comes to their rescue.

If you believe that this will always happen there's a sad future for the coach industry.

We have a file full of tour operator faxes that have been forwarded by operators. Initial feelings of amusement turn to dismay and finally to the point where we are forced to say enough is enough.

Therefore, if you are insulted by the rates on offer, don't bin it - and certainly don't accept it. Spend a small amount of time penning a pithy reply and tell them that you have sent a copy of the offer to *CBW*... because it is time to name names.

At the risk of giving the tour operators free publicity, *CBW* is prepared to print details of the bargain coach hire rates on offer.

Send me copies of those ridiculous offers and we'll compile a report for the whole industry to read.

MIKE MORGAN, *Editor*

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coach & bus briefs

County to save withdrawn bus services

SUFFOLK County Council will be able to save bus services in the north and west of the county which have been withdrawn by a commercial operator. A tendering exercise has revealed that it will be possible for the council to sponsor replacement bus services being withdrawn by First Eastern Counties. A number of operators are being appointed to give a continuing service.

Wayfarer to supply Translink ticketing

TRANSLINK has appointed Wayfarer Transit Systems as preferred supplier of an integrated ticketing system across the Translink network. Ted Hesketh, managing director of Translink, said: "The introduction of this innovative ticketing system will be a major step forward in the provision of public transport in Northern Ireland. When the first integrated machines appear on buses and trains, they will bring major benefits to passengers, particularly with the introduction of 'smart card' technology."

Swansea integrated transport study

OSCAR Faber has been commissioned by the city and county of Swansea to carry out an integrated transport study for the Hafod area of the city. Hafod is a predominantly residential inner city area characterised by high levels of housing density. The aim of the city and county of Swansea is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Hafod and it sees transport as a key element in any successful regeneration of the area.

Greater Manchester scheme endorsed

GREATER Manchester transport bosses have endorsed the structure of a scheme that aims to deliver better ticket options for public transport in Greater Manchester. They also requested that the draft scheme now be the subject of a public consultation exercise to give people the opportunity to comment on the proposals. The move follows new powers that the Government has given local authorities to improve the availability of through tickets.

DSA retains its Charter Mark Award

THE Driving Standards Agency has retained its Charter Mark Award for recognising and encouraging excellence in public service. In September 2000 the DSA submitted an application to retain its Charter Mark - which was awarded in 1997 - and its assessment took place in October. The independent judging panel offered the agency a further six months to continue its efforts to achieve the performance standards established for the service and to be more proactive in telling customers about its services, standards and achievements.

HSE publishes leaflet in six languages

THE Health & Safety Executive has published the leaflet *Health & Safety Law: What You Should Know* in six languages - Bengali, Hindi, Gujurati, Punjabi, Urdu and Chinese. The leaflet and poster explain the general duties which an employer must perform to comply with health & safety law, including the duty to consult all employees or their representatives on all aspects of health & safety. They also explain what the employee's health & safety responsibilities are towards themselves, their colleagues and others. Copies of the leaflet can be downloaded free of charge from the HSE's website *www.hse.gov.uk*

Volvo coach and bus sales down by almost 50%

VOLVO interim results to 30 June 2001 show coach and bus sales almost halved to SEK108m against SEK 213m.

However, there was a considerable increase in total net sales although significantly reduced income. Sales for the period totalled SEK 90,848m against SEK 59.244m in 2000.

Operating income, excluding items affecting comparability, fell from SEK 4,307m to SEK 2,625m.

The overall operating income figure dropped from SEK 4,307m to SEK 1,306m. After certain financial items the net income for the period was SEK 555m against SEK 3,153m last year.

Sales growth is reported to have grown 53% whereas last year's growth was just 4.0%. Income per share was down to SEK 7.60 from SEK 13.30 in 2000 - showing a return on equity of 3.4% compared to 6.1% respectively.

Chief executive officer Leif Johansson said: "The Volvo Group is focusing on a long-term programme to create a more competitive industrial structure and on immediate measures to adapt operations to the prevailing situation in the market.

"Despite the business climate, some parts of the group delivered very good results in the second quarter and we noted a number of promising trends.

"Growth is strong in some parts of the group, we are gaining market shares, Penta and Aero continue to deliver strong performance and cash flow has been significantly improved."

Foot and mouth claim met

COMPENSATION payments to operators in areas where business has been affected by foot and mouth disease are now being made.

Dealer and operator Houston Ramm has confirmed that an application on behalf of Williams (Bala) Ltd, to Gwynedd County Council, has resulted in the receipt of a cheque for £1725.30 - an amount corresponding exactly with the annual rate for the property.

Mr Ramm said: "So far I have not heard of any other operator that has received compensation but I am delighted that we have achieved a prompt result as we acted completely independently.

"We spoke to a member of the DTLR, who informed us that funds were available and applications should be made via our county council. We duly applied to Gwynedd and have been awarded this sum. It is not a fantastic amount but it is a help and certainly better than nothing. I would urge operators who feel they have a valid claim to contact their county council."

Worcester requires driver ID

WORCESTER County Council has stipulated that drivers engaged on its contracted services must wear photo identity badges that clearly display the driver's name.

Local operator, Richard Warner of Tewkesbury, said: "We have been informed by the council that our drivers must have this form of identification but when we put it to them they were not in favour.

"Most said they were perfectly happy to carry a badge with an identification number but did not want their personal details on view.

"We contacted the council and reported these findings but were issued with a letter stating that failure to comply would result in the withdrawal of all contracts.

"Other local operators have had the same threat, yet we, or they, have not said we would not comply, merely told the council that drivers were not in favour.

Richard Warner: 'little point'

"As they are all registered and checked against the required lists as a matter of course, there seems little point in the exercise. It means a lot of work for all of us to administer the change in time for the start of the September return to school.

"Photo identity badges are not part of a driver's contract of employment so it means all those would have to be re-written. It is hard enough getting drivers now, if those who object to the scheme go and work in another industry they will not be easy to replace."

First Midland Red West said it had the same communication from Worcester County Council and the matter was currently under consultation with drivers and unions.

A spokesman said the company had no real objection to the scheme. Worcester County Council transport officer, Mark Hudson, could not be contacted prior to publication.

2002 deliveries will include new low-emission engines

Bebb to take first Euro 3 specification Volvo B7Rs

By Martin Cole

BEBB TRAVEL'S order for Volvo coaches next season contains the first enhanced versions of the B7R to Euro 3 specification.

Bebb Travel Plc of Llantwit Fardre, near Cardiff, has ordered six Volvo mid-engined B12M coaches and six rear-engined B7Rs meeting Euro 3 specification. All will have Plaxton bodywork, Paragons on the B12Ms and Primas on the B7Rs. All will be 49 seaters with toilets, and the B12Ms will feature air conditioning. They are due for delivery by the end of this year.

The Euro 3 version of the B7R uses the Volvo D7C Euro 3 engine in place of the D7B Euro 2 unit, similar to the engine fitted to the Volvo B7L citybus range.

Swept volume on the D7C goes up from 6.7 litres to 7.3 litres and it has full electronic engine management rather than the mechanical system of its predecessor. The new engine offers higher power and better torque and is available in both 275 hp and 290 hp versions.

Bebb Travel: more Plaxton/Volvo coaches on the way

The 275 hp version of the B7R is available with the ZF 5HP500 five-speed automatic that will improve its long-distance driveability. This is expected to be the combination specified by most operators, while the Volvo's EGS-VR manual gearbox with pneumatic gearshifting and with a hydraulic retarder is also available on the B7R for the first time, in combination with the 290 hp version of the D7C.

The B7R also benefits from a new multiplex electrical system in combination with the engine management system. The frame remains unchanged, with a 6.3m wheelbase or it can be supplied in split form for integration with the body to create improved luggage space.

The six B12Ms ordered by Bebb feature the 340hp 12.1-litre horizontal mid-mounted DH12 engine and are specified with the ZF 5HP602 five-speed automatic gearbox with full electronic control and integral retarder.

Bebb has a fleet of around 50 coaches and buses. As well as running its own tours and excursions programme, private hire and contract work, it is a major contractor to National Express, providing coaches for services from Cardiff to London, Aberdeen and Bradford. The new B12Ms will be employed on National Express diagrams while the B7Rs will be used on contract and private hire work.

Managing director, Nigel Bebb, considers Volvo to be completely up to date on technology and praised the reliability of the Volvos already in his fleet.

"Everything is as we want it and Volvo is quick to respond to make sure we get what we want," he said.

Transport and social exclusion consultation launched

A MAJOR consultation on transport and social exclusion has been launched by the Social Exclusion Unit (SEU).

The SEU will look at how transport problems contribute to social exclusion and what can be done to deliver improvements.

It says many people are cut off from work, learning, health care and other key services because of poor public transport.

The national consultation starts now and will continue until late October.

The SEU will develop policy recommendations that could feed into the next Government spending review.

H&B fined £300 over tacho calibration

COACH operator David Boardman, who runs H&B Coaches at Denmark Mill, Thynne Street, Farnworth, near Bolton, has been fined £300 with £85 costs by Solihull Magistrates for failing to have a six-year calibration on a tachograph in a 49-seater Leyland Tiger coach. He admitted the offence by letter and did not appear in court.

Mr Dominic Green, prosecuting for the Vehicle Inspectorate, said the coach was inspected at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham in December last year.

The tachograph had last been calibrated on May 1994.

Mr Boardman said in the letter he had failed to get the tachograph calibrated because his partner had died and he had been busy sorting out the business affairs.

Further problems had arisen when four vehicles were vandalised at the firm's premises, said the letter. But Mr Boardman assured the magistrates that the coach had been well maintained. The magistrates were told the firm had previously been fined, at St Helen's in March 1997 for failing to have a tachograph inspection.

■ SOLIHULL magistrates also fined pensioner coach owner Thomas Burton £700 for failing to have the vehicle's tachograph calibrated since May 1996.

Burton, who had spent three months converting a 53-seat Bedford to carry disabled passengers and their wheelchairs, runs Link Line Travel at Old Hollow Farm, Marshes Lane, Southport.

He admitted failing to have a periodic inspection of the tachograph and was also ordered to pay £670 costs instead of the requested £1,632.

Mrs Helen Bradin, prosecuting for the Vehicle Inspectorate, had asked for £1,632 costs after pointing out that the case had twice been adjourned because Burton had told her he intended pleading not guilty.

Miss Bradin said that the offence came to light during an inspection of the coach at the NEC car park at Birmingham. Driver Malcolm Hurst had driven passengers to the centre for a show for the disabled.

Burton, who appeared in court with his son-in-law Sidney Ashcroft - the firm's transport manager - told the magistrates that he thought the tachograph had already been calibrated.

Review backs big reform of company law

THE Final Report of the Company Law Review contains a blueprint for comprehensive reform and modernisation of the law.

"Key recommendations in the Final Report include:

- A radical simplification of the law for small companies, with simpler decision-making and administrative requirements, less burdensome accounting and audit obligations, some major simplifications of the law for private companies generally, and a major restructuring of the legislation itself to give a clear picture of how the law applies to small companies
- A statutory statement of directors' duties to encourage responsible and informed decision-making. The statement will give clear guidance to directors on what is expected of them and will bring over 250 years' of court decisions into line with modern business practice.

Directors will continue to be accountable to their shareholders and will also need to take due account of wider interests such as relations with employees, suppliers and customers; the impact of their actions on the community and the environment; and long-term as well as short-term considerations

- An Operating and Financial Review, to improve the quality of reporting by larger companies.

The OFR will cover future plans, opportunities, risks and business strategies, and will include qualitative aspects of business such as the skills and knowledge of employees, business relationships and corporate reputation

- Tighter annual reporting cycles, with more effective use of new technology to open up financial and other information for shareholders and others
- Streamlining procedures to remove unnecessary constraints and costs and to improve the operation of the law, including measures to reform complex and outdated rules on company share capital and proposals to devolve all the detailed accounting rules to an expert body
- New institutional arrangements to keep the law up to date and responsive to changing needs in the future

events

7 August: CPT London & Home Counties Region Visit and Dinner, the Commissioner's House, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent. Details from CPT on 020 7240 3131

26 August: The 2001 Bedford Gathering: '70 years of Bedford 1931-2001', Forte Post House, Impington. Details on 01223 574654

10-12 September: European Transport Conference, Homerton College, Cambridge. Details on 020 7348 1988

11-12 September: Communicating corporate vision and values, Mayfair Intercontinental Hotel, London W1. Details 020 8944 9373

13-14 September: National Transport Awards and 4th UK Chairs of Transport Conference, Hilton Birmingham Metropole. Details on 01224 263134

20-22 September: Public Transport 2001 at the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden. Details on 00 46 31 708 80 00

26-27 September: Sustainable Transport conference: The Challenge of Delivery, TRL in Crowthorne, Berkshire. Details 01344 770514

27-28 September: National TravelWise Annual Conference & AGM, Leeds Town Hall. Details 0113 2517366

5-6 October: Transport Scotland 2001, Royal Highland Showground, Edinburgh. Scotland's foremost road transport engineering and maintenance event. Tel 01634 261262

10-12 October: MIT International trade tourism fair, Paris Expo Porte de Versailles, France. Details 00 33 141 29 75 48

19-24 October: Busworld Kortrijk. Details on 00 32 51 22 60 60

25-26 October: Moving On urban transport conference, Ashton Court, Bristol. Details 0191 241 4523

13-15 November: VIP Clothing 2001, ExCeL, London. Details on 020 8340 3291

13-14 March 2002: British Travel Trade Fair, Birmingham NEC. Details 020 8910 7896

23-24 November 2002: Coach & Bus Show 2002, RDS Dublin. Details from Paul Morton on fax 00 35 3 1 4944694

KEY DATES

8-9 September: Bus Driver of the Year Weekend, Blackpool

9-11 October: Coach & Bus 2001, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

11-13 December: CTA Exhibition, G-Mex, Manchester

20-21 April 2002: UK Coach Rally, Brighton

Randall E West to take over US subsidiary as CEO on 1 September

Stagecoach appoints new chief exec for Coach USA

By Martin Cole

STAGECOACH GROUP has appointed Randall E West president and chief executive officer for its Coach USA subsidiary.

Mr West, who takes over as CEO on 1 September, will immediately begin a familiarisation programme at Coach USA.

He will report directly to Stagecoach Group chief executive Keith Cochrane. Frank Gallagher becomes non-executive chairman of Coach USA from 1 September.

Welcoming the appointment, Keith Cochrane said: "Randy West has a distinguished career in transportation in North America and I am delighted that he has accepted the challenge of CEO for Coach USA.

"He has worked at both Allied and Ryder where he grew the businesses and had the reputation of being extremely operational, a hands-on team builder, and firmly focussed on growth. I am certain he will make a significant contribution to the development of Coach USA and we all look forward to working with him."

Randall E West, 51, has worked all his life in the American road transportation industry.

In the past few years, he was president and chief operating officer at Allied Holdings, a $1.3 billion multinational transportation and logistics company with more than 125 operating locations across North America, Brazil and the UK.

He joined Allied after more than a decade with Ryder System, the world's largest ground transportation and logistics company, where he expanded Ryder International in Miami and became president of Ryder Automotive Carrier Services in Detroit. He is married, with one daughter.

Nottingham's revised service details on the Internet

Nottingham CT puts its plans on the web

NOTTINGHAM City Transport has made public its plans to change its network to improve bus services.

They can be found on *www.nctx.co.uk* or from NCT's new call centre on 0115 950 6070. Presentations have also been made to local groups such as the Commuter Planners Club and Disabilities Association.

NCT has also attended area meetings for councillors and residents, displays have been mounted in the Broad Marsh Centre and local businesses, and all staff have been fully briefed as part of the first consultation process.

Local press and radio have covered the proposals extensively, providing information about the new service, requesting views and letters from the public. NCT has taken account of the comments made and has amended its services wherever possible to accommodate the views.

Commenting on the feedback so far, Nicola Tidy, NCT's marketing manager, said: "We have been delighted by our passengers' response to our first consultation document and have received many positive comments. To enable Nottingham City Transport to respond to customers' comments the second consultation document has been slightly delayed to incorporate many revisions which will address these concerns."

Coach operator is fined for lack of rest

COACH operator Thomas Stanhope has been fined a total of £1,500 with £1,558 costs by Solihull magistrates after driving schoolchildren to London and taking people to a clothing show at Birmingham without taking sufficient rest.

In between the jobs Stanhope, who runs Byeways Coaches of Kingston Road, New Maldon, Surrey, drove a group of pensioners to a fish-and-chips supper in London, the magistrates were told.

Stanhope was found guilty of driving in excess of four and a half hours without a break on 8 December last year and failing to have a daily rest period the following day. He had pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Miss Helen Bradin, prosecuting for the Vehicle Inspectorate, told the magistrates that the offences came to light during an inspection of Stanhope's Volvo 49-seater coach at the National Exhibition Centre car park in Birmingham on 9 December, by Vehicle Inspectorate official Dominic Green. Stanhope had driven the customers to a clothing show at the centre.

The magistrates were told the coach tachograph revealed Stanhope had driven for five hours two minutes the previous day and had not taken eight hours rest, plus a split four hours, during a 24-hour period.

"The defendant finished driving the previous night at 2100 hrs and started again at 0611 hrs next morning," said Miss Bradin. "The regulations are aimed at making sure drivers get enough rest and do not become tired thereby causing a danger to themselves and other road users."

Mr Green said that, when he approached Stanhope, he said he had taken over the coach after being let down by another driver.

Stanhope told the magistrates he had problems with the coach's mode switch and claimed he had taken sufficient rest between jobs.

"I got held up in traffic in London and it would have caused problems if I had stopped the coach for a rest," he said.

"I drove on under the clause which allows drivers to go over the four and a half hours to enable passengers to be taken to a place of safety."

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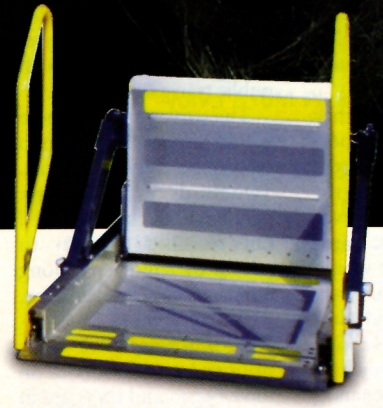

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Dennis' is Adbus' 300th

MANCHESTER-BASED Dennis's Coaches of Duckinfield has become the 300th bus company to agree to carry advertising on its bus fleet provided by the transport advertising specialist Adbus of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

The company now has 2,900 buses spread throughout the 300 bus companies across the United Kingdom which range from council-owned operators to the smallest independent with just one bus in their fleet.

Development manager at Adbus, Paul McLoughlin, said: "Outdoor advertising and especially bus advertising has benefited greatly recently in the advertising world with growth that has outstripped most other forms of advertising for the past three years."

Sam Simpson, operations manager at Dennis's, which operates services between Ashton under Lyne and Manchester city centre, said: "The main benefit to the bus company is the opportunity to receive revenue without the hassle.

"Adbus does all the legwork from sales to design and fixing, which leaves the bus company to operate as normal."

Sightseeing operation taking 25 East Lancs open toppers

First two-axle Tridents for export run in Madrid

By Anna Turner

THE FIRST two-axle double-decker Tridents to be exported are now in operation in Madrid.

The vehicles also mark the first time in half a century that a new double-deck bus fleet has gone into operation in the Spanish capital.

The buses were delivered by Dennis to specialist sightseeing company Madrid Vision, which is taking 25 of the two-axle 10.6-metre Tridents with open-top bodywork by East Lancs.

They are fitted with low emission 260 bhp Euro III Cummins ISCe engines and Voith 851.3 gearboxes.

"We are delighted to secure this prestigious order from Madrid Vision," said Roger Heard, TransBus International Dennis sales and marketing director.

"This order was won as the result of our ability to demonstrate to Madrid Vision our leadership in double-deck sales in the United Kingdom, our considerable success in export markets and, of course, our ability to provide comprehensive after-sales support through our growing European service network."

The open-toppers provide step-free access to the lower saloon and are now operating on guided tours of Madrid. The Tridents join a growing number of Darts in operation in Spain.

"Open-top double deckers are becoming increasingly popular for city sightseeing, as we have demonstrated with recent deliveries to Edinburgh and New York.

"And, with growing pressure to reduce emissions in city streets and to ensure vehicles are accessible to people with disabilities, we see opportunities to supply environmentally-friendly easy-access deckers to other sightseeing operations."

Handover: the first 25 Dennis Trident two-axle double deckers for export to Spain

London's biggest issue

FOLLOWING the announcement on the introduction of congestion charging in central London (*CBW*, 19 July) a comprehensive 53-page report, based on a survey conducted by MORI, has been issued by the Commission for Integrated Transport (CfIT).

The report states London's traffic congestion is the single most important issue to people living in the capital. In all 72% felt it was a serious problem in their area according to a Commission for Integrated Transport survey.

Unprompted, congestion was seen as one of the key problems locally by more respondents than any other issue, including crime (some 50% higher than in the rest of the country).

A higher percentage of people use public transport in London with 38% of them saying they were prepared to pay higher taxes to fund better services.

Congestion charging is backed by 53% of Londoners - if the revenue is solely used for making significant improvements to local public transport.

27% of Londoners use the railways at least once a month compared with a nationwide figure of 14%. Londoners are more than half again more likely to use a bus at least once a month than those living elsewhere - 62% compared with 37%.

People willing to pay for better transport says major CfIT survey

TRANSPORT has become the most important local issue across the country with people looking for radical solutions funded by higher public investment, according to the MORI transport survey published by the Commission for Integrated Transport.

39% of the 2,200 people questioned spontaneously cited a transport concern as the major local issue - even higher than crime. 67% said road congestion was a serious problem in their area.

39% of people said they were prepared to pay higher taxes to fund better public transport and 54% backed both congestion charging and motorway tolling if the money from them is ploughed back into transport improvements. No more than 30% were against.

Nearly half said that they would use public transport more if services were better, but they did not think the necessary investment was yet going into public transport. 44% said they would cycle more if the roads were safer and 65% said they would consider walking more if conditions such as pavement maintenance, safety and street lighting were improved.

Last year's CfIT survey showed that 92% supported better road maintenance. This is borne out this year with many more people dissatisfied with road and pavement maintenance than with public transport services.

The survey showed there is clear support for action to change behaviour patterns. Two thirds of people think parents should be persuaded not to take children to school by car, even among families with schoolchildren. 81% back more Park-&-Ride schemes, 69% want priority lanes for lorries on motorways and 68% are in favour of traffic calming in residential areas. 66% support the introduction of more bus priority measures.

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School transport safety week

BELT Up School Kids' (BUSK) fourth School Transport Safety Week begins on Monday 17 September this year.

The Safety Week, designed to raise awareness and promote safety on school transport facilities, will encourage schools to undertake emergency evacuation drills of coaches and buses in the school grounds, with pupils and teachers taking part.

"Without warning any emergency can arise on a school trip or on home-to-school transport when often, the only adult on board is the driver," said BUSK's founder, Pat Harris.

"Pupils who are focused on what they need to do in an emergency are not as likely to panic. Instead they will do what is necessary to deal with the situation in hand, if they have been drilled beforehand."

BUSK has produced a set of eight leaflets for this year's safety week. The leaflets will be available by the end of August and are free.

All anyone has to do to obtain sets is provide BUSK with a large SAE with their request. "Each year we are asked by schools and sometimes hospital staff who set up information stands on wards where children have been injured on the road," said Ms Harris.

"These leaflets will be particularly useful for stands such as these or for school class projects."

For details about the safety week, including how to set up an emergency evacuation drill at a school, interested parties should contact BUSK on 01633 274944 or email: *busk.beltupschoolkids@btinternet.com* preferably before the end of this school term.

Counties, not National

LAST week *CBW* reported that the X40 Stansted Connection was being run by First Eastern National. It is, in fact, being run by Norwich-based First Eastern Counties.

FirstGroup cash enables the creation of new Bristol link

Rail investment sparks further integration

By Martin Cole

INVESTMENT topping £80m from FirstGroup has resulted in new, state-of -the-art trains for First Great Western, refurbished HSTs and a new, integrated bus/rail link in Bristol.

Speaking at the launch of the new trains and the integrated bus link, Mike Caroll, managing director of First Great Western, said: "Despite massive effort from train operators, coupled with considerable investment, the general perception of the industry is that not enough is being done.

"In fact, this couldn't be further from the truth but it is true that we have not had much opportunity to show people what has been achieved.

"Today we can rectify that and assure people that things are about to change. This afternoon we are launching the first Adelante train that will bring passengers much improved levels of reliability, comfort and safety.

"Each of the 14 new trains offers high standards of comfort and the latest facilities. They will also be fitted with the Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system designed to prevent trains passing signals at danger. First Great Western's existing fleet of high speed trains already has ATP, the only inter-city company in the UK to operate this advanced safety system."

Piers Marlow, divisional director for Wales and the South West, added: "Integration of services is crucial if public transport is to go anywhere.

"With 700 buses operating in and around Bristol there is sufficient opportunity to provide the links people require and in a seamless fashion. Bus Link passengers will benefit from real-time information and tickets will be available that cover the bus and rail journey. The rail services in Bristol are expanding and the bus services will also expand to match.

"It means an extension of the rail network right into the heart of Bristol that will be available to anyone wishing to travel between the centre and the station and we aim to get the frequency down to five minutes. For rail travellers, we aim to make tickets for selected routes available on the rail link buses."

FirstGroup chairman Moir Lockhead said: "We hope we are now coming out of what has been a very bad time for the rail industry. There has been massive investment in new rolling stock and a comprehensive refurbishment programme, the results of which are being revealed today."

Linking Temple Meads station with Bristol city centre, the Broadmead Centre and the Clifton Triangle are a dedicated batch of buses that have already been at the centre of industry focus.

The operation is being served by Dennis Lance SLF Wright Pathfinder 320s - the very first lowfloor buses employed in London. These retain the centre exit door but have been refurbished in First-Group corporate livery and interior colours.

Alongside the new train launch, FirstGroup also offered assembled guests a preview of the preliminary new livery designs for First Great Western's existing HST fleet.

The trains will be painted in the new pink and purple livery (to match FirstGroup corporate colours) as they fall due for major maintenance and repainting.

FirstGroup chief exec Moir Lockhead with new Adelante

New colours for the ex-London Dennis Lance SLF/Wright Pathfinder 320s

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Even more Choice from hotel group

CHOICE Hotels has added 25 new hotels to its system over the last eight months.

The group, which owns and franchises more than 500 Clarion, Quality, Comfort and Sleep-branded hotels and inns across Europe, has added the hotels to its portfolio in France, Switzerland and Belgium.

Comfort, Quality and Clarion-branded hotels have opened in Toulouse, Vannes, Les Sables d'Olonne and at a number of locations, including Charles de Gaulle Airport, Carnac, Evreux, Toulon, Foix, Peyréhorade and Grass.

New properties joining the system later this year will reinforce Choice's presence in key towns such as Cannes, Nice, Lille, Bordeaux and Poitiers. Already Paris and the surrounding area has 45 hotels.

Choice has also introduced its third Comfort-branded property - Comfort Suites Les Floridianes - in Aix-en-Provence, and is in negotiation for more than 10 hotels under the Comfort Suite brand in Lyon, Marseilles, St Nazaire, Villejuif, Maisons Lafitte, Bordeaux, St Maur des Fossés, Strasbourg, Annemasse, Asnères and Montpellier.

Peter Cashman, chief operating officer for Choice Hotels Europe, said: "By averaging two or three new hotels every month, we are achieving our target of adding 25 to 30 new properties in France, Belgium and Switzerland during 2001.

"We are delighted with the level of growth, particularly in France, where many independent hotels are changing from other brands. Our expansion is based on the success of our worldwide reservation system, which delivers more than 22% of our hotels revenues."

Tourism plans for Coach & Bus 2001 at the NEC, 9-11 October

New attractions at show

By Mike Morgan

THE latest news of plans for the enlarged Tourism Pavilion at Coach & Bus 2001 indicate that plenty of new attractions and enhanced venue arrangements for group travel are to be unveiled.

The section of the show takes up a significant area of Hall 19 - one of four halls filled by Coach & Bus exhibitors. Organisers report that only a few smaller stands are available in this area.

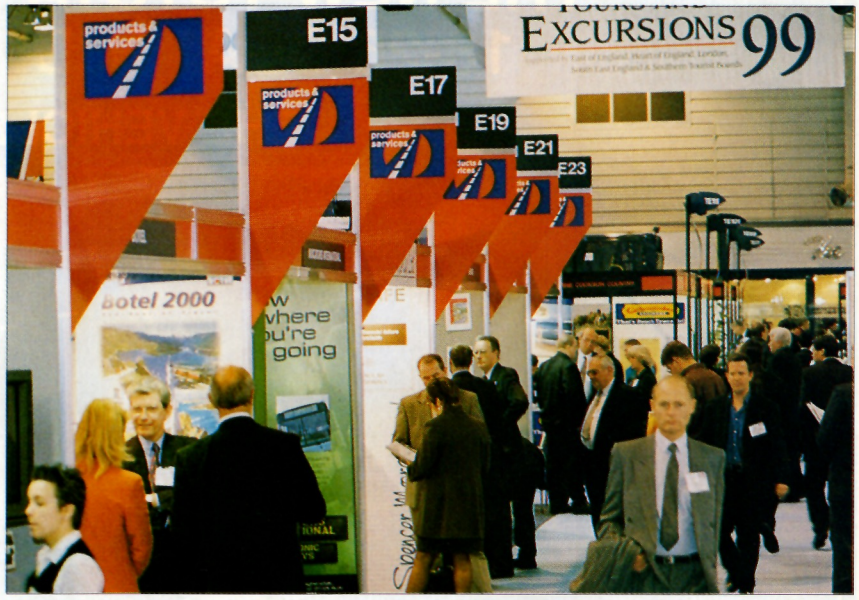
An 'open-style cafe' and information area for the Coach Tourism Council will be prominent (stand TB20). Member companies who will be located on this area include, CHS Tour Services, Crowe Insurance Group, Dover Harbour Board, Hilton Hotels, The Milton Hotel Group, Simply the Best In Britain, South East Wales Tourism, Thistle Hotels and Viajes Meli Tours SA. CTC Board members will be present throughout the show to advise on the role of the CTC to potential members.

■ Further plans are emerging of routes, destinations and venues to be highlighted elsewhere in the Tourism Pavilion. A rich mixture of locations and accommodation in the UK and Europe is in prospect, plus new developments with ferries to make the overseas connections.

Barcelona-based Grup Florida Hotels (stand TB25) will be promoting three hotel complexes in their group - the Hotel Volga, the Hotel Kaktus Playa and the Hotel Florida Park.

P&O Stena Line (stand TE22) will be using the exhibition to promote the published fares for group travel on its ferries in 2002.

DFDS Seaways (stand TE05) will maintain the focus on a new ship which started on the Newcastle - Amsterdam route on 29 June. The *MS Queen of Scandinavia* offers many excellent facilities



Tourism at Coach & Bus: this year's Pavilion will take up a large area of Hall 19

coach & bus 2001

and value for coaches and groups. Group travel organisers can experience the ship for just £39 and a coach and driver travel free if carrying 20 or more passengers. The driver receives complimentary dinner and breakfast.

Launching on DFDS Seaways' most successful route, *MS Queen of Scandinavia* will be the largest capacity passenger ship on the North Sea and will operate alongside *MS Prince of Scandinavia*.

From July2002 onwards, DFDS Seaways will be offering a new Mini CruiseBreak to the Netherlands' most acclaimed horticultural show, Floriade 2002.

Even closer to home, Oswaldtwistle Mills, near Accrington, Lancashire (stand TE32) is placing its emphasis firmly on its coach-friendly welcome, with a meet-and-greet service for all visiting coaches. Earlier this year the attraction, based round a working mill, was nominated in the category of Best Providers of Group facilities at the Group Travel Awards. The wares of more than 200 Lancashire crafts people are on display.

There are plans to double the size of the complex to 80,000 square feet. Access to this will be free, with the layout all on one level, so providing excellent access and mobility for groups which include wheelchair and disabled passengers.

It is estimated that more than 1,500 coach parties will visit the site this year. Arun District Council (stand TE01), otherwise exhibiting as 'Sussex by the Sea', is 'basking in Blue Flag Brilliance', according to its Tourism Office. The beach at Bognor Regis has just gained the highest award -the European Blue Flag - for its standards of cleanliness.

The town is one of just five beaches in the South East, and only 25 in the whole of England, that have managed to attain the ultra-high standards for this award, organised in the UK by The Tidy Britain Group.

In addition, both Bognor Regis and nearby Littlehampton will be flying the blue and yellow flags of the Seaside Awards.

The stand at Coach & Bus will reflect the district's achievements to promote it as a first-class holiday and day-trip destination.

Freedom of the Glen Hotels (stand TD02) will be promoting its special group rates for 'the original and best highland house parties' held at the company's historic Ballachulish Hotel or the modern Isles of Glencoe Hotel & Leisure Centre.

Paignton Zoo (stand TB16) is highlighting the £6 million spent making it 'a new breed of zoo'. The 75-acre site now includes six naturalistic habitats from around the world, including Wetlands, Savannah, Deserts and Forest.

A further attraction, opened this year, is a new venue for the zoo's parrot show - 'Feathered Feats'. The zoo also has a huge hothouse featuring plants and 20 species of reptile from tropical forest ecosystems. The home-based venue is designed to replicate equatorial rain forest conditions.

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Highest, longest and deepest canal tunnel in Britain re-opens to passenger traffic

Take a sail beneath Yorkshire

By Leonard Green

THE highest, longest and deepest canal tunnel in Britain has just reopened to passenger traffic. Coach groups can now take a guided tour into the tunnel using electric powered 25-seater boats.

The tour commences at Standedge Visitor Centre, near Marsden in Kirklees, West Yorkshire. This is a refurbished transshipment warehouse on the banks of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

A two-storey exhibition is open to the public plus the lower canal level (boat only). The interactive displays convey the story of the tunnel originally opened in 1811 and now considered one of the seven wonders of the British Canal network.

Hewn through three and a quarter miles of rock, 638 feet underground and 645 feet above sea level, it was manpower, not horsepower that propelled the boats through the tunnel. In the centre visitors can have a go at 'legging'. Both the centre and boats are wheelchair accessible.

After boarding on the ground floor of the Visitor Centre the boat is lowered by lift to canal level. A short distance is travelled before entering the tunnel.

The normal tour only travels part way into the tunnel, sailing in and reversing out. Full-length tours will be available by arrangement. Groups can pre-book timed boat trips. Visit time is around two to three hours, excluding meals and depending on where passengers are boarding/ alighting the coach.

The centre is located off the A62 Huddersfield to Oldham road and access by coach is restricted. Coaches can park in the coach and car park located adjacent to Marsden Railway Station and passengers can enjoy a short walk (10 to 15 minutes) along the canal to the Visitor Centre. A water taxi is expected to operate at busy times or by arrangement. Alternatively, the coach can set down and pick up near the Visitor Centre and then park at Marsden. Coaches cannot park at the Visitor Centre.

Catering is available at the nearby Waters Edge restaurant. An alternative is to visit the Riverhead Brewery Tap in nearby Marsden. A real ale pub brewing on the premises, it can serve competitively-priced meals (by prior arrangement) in its upper room and brewery visits can be arranged to the cellar brewing area. Seven beers are named after local reservoirs. Marsden itself is frequently used in the filming of *Last of the Summer Wine*.

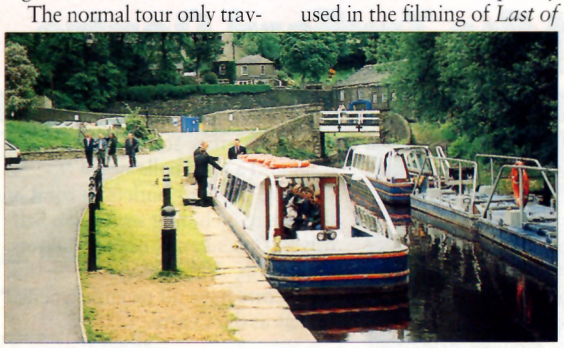
The Visitor Centre is open daily from April to October plus selected Winter days, including Santa Specials. Times vary.

Admission for groups of 12 or more: adults £4, child £3, senior citizens £3.50.

- Tel 01484 844 298; fax 01484 841 968; website *www. standedge.co.uk*
- Riverhead Brewery Tap 01484 841 270.

Plain sailing: a boat in the entrance to the boat lift at Standedge Visitor Centre

Tunnel vision: Standedge Tunnel is 638 ft underground



All aboard: a 25-seater canal boat at the loading area

Water way: a view of the Standedge Tunnel entrance and electric-powered canal boats

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EU chief slates UK allowance

BRITISH Customs staff and the Government have been rapped by a European commissioner for 'rigid' interpretation of European guidelines with regard to alcohol and tobacco 'allowances'.

Frits Bolkestein, the man in charge of the European single market, warned British Customs that, unless they relaxed their interpretation of the guidelines, the British Government could be taken to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

Current EU guidelines state there is no limit on the amount of tobacco and alcohol that can be brought into the United Kingdom, unless it is deemed that the amount in question is more than for personal consumption.

But customs officials have been accused of being too stringent and falsely impounding some 7,000 vehicles - including some coaches - for bringing in more than the suggested European Union allowances for personal use.

CBW reported last year that Walsall-based tour operator Hoverland had a vehicle impounded by Customs which resulted in managing director, Steve Gouldby, taking his complaint to Brussels.

The complaint was upheld, along with those from other motorists.

Wholesaler forms alliance to promote group's hotels throughout UK

ICT in Paramount deal

By Anna Turner

LONDON-BASED wholesaler ICT has formed an alliance to promote the properties of Paramount Hotels throughout the UK.

The deal will make available mainly deluxe four-star hotels to the United Kingdom coach market.

Many of the hotels may have previously been considered too expensive for coach holidays.

But with packages starting at £89 for a four-day break, this seems to no longer be the case.

The emphasis on the new initiative is to make every guest feel special. In addition to Paramount's service, packages are to include as standard porterage, full breakfast and choice menu at dinner.

Among those featured is four-star Majestic Hotel, Harrogate, the four-star Redworth Hall in Co Durham, the four-star Cheltenham Park and the three-star superior Oxford Hotel, which is currently undergoing an extensive £7 million refurbishment programme.

North of the border, packages include weekend breaks in Edinburgh at the Old Waverley Hotel, and five-day luxury breaks at the impressive Stirling Highland Hotel. Lisa Clifford, leisure sales manager of Paramount, said: "Our partnership will enhance and maintain ICT's already solid reputation in the wholesale market. We see it as the ideal channel to get our message across to the industry."

Lisa Clifford of Paramount Hotels with ICT director Stephen Moore

Since the acquisition in April of Groupways Leisure, ICT has also launched an office in Sheffield.

ICT now has a presence in London, Chesham and Sheffield. ICT Sheffield's address is: The Innovation Centre, 217 Portobello, Sheffield, S1 4DP, tel 0114 224 2332.

■ Summer programmes for 2002 are now on sale. Call 020 7538 4627 for rates and availability.

Tony Blair opens mountaineering exhibition

PRIME Minister Tony Blair was joined by Everest mountaineer George Band when he unveiled a painting to commemorate the opening of the Helly Hansen National Mountaineering Exhibition in the North Lakes last week.

Mr Blair met members of the exhibition team and toured the exhibition with George Band. George was the youngest member of the 1953 Everest team and has contributed memorabilia from his personal collection to the exhibition. The exhibition has been open for less than two weeks but is already generating interest countrywide.

School groups have been visiting as well as families, tourists and those with an interest in climbing. Members of an Outward Bound course and Scouts from a group in Carlisle were also present, representing as they do the future face of climbing in Britain.

A collection of artifacts from the George Mallory and Sandy Irvine collections are on temporary loan to the exhibition.

They give a fascinating glimpse into the tragedy of their Everest attempt in 1924 and have never been on public display before. Their presence in Cumbria marks a turnabout in the tourism sector.

Visitor numbers for similar attractions are approximately 35% down on last year as a result of FMD, but forward bookings are improving daily and a steady improvement is anticipated. The exhibition aims to bring a variety of displays to the North Lakes to enhance the collection of attractions.

Coach visitors surge expected at the Trafford Centre

TRAFFORD CENTRE bosses are expecting a surge of coach visitors this Summer with the opening of Marks & Spencer and the first Next homestore in the UK.

The openings coincide with the launch of the driver loyalty scheme, which entitles regular coach drivers to a free ticket allowing entry to the 20-screen UCI cinema on every third visit. This is in addition to the complimentary meal voucher and meet-and-greet service currently offered.

Director of operations at the Trafford Centre, Steve Bunce, said: "The coach visitor market is a significant one for us at the Trafford Centre with an average of 4,500 coaches a year bringing day trippers from far and wide. The arrival of stores such as Marks & Spencer provides an added attraction. We're also delighted to be able to provide additional benefits to regular coach drivers to the Centre."

The new 36,000 sq ft Marks & Spencer is aimed at female customers with a specially tailored collection designed to appeal to shoppers at the £880m shopping and leisure destination, offering womenswear, beauty products, gifts, stationery, schoolwear and a food hall.

There are 280 outlets in total at the centre including stores like Selfridges, Debenhams, BHS and Boots. Quiksilver, Virgin Vie Cosmetics, and Scotts have all recently opened outlets at the Centre.

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Speed limiter offences cost driver £270

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THE driver of a coach which sped past a car being driven by a traffic examiner was ordered to pay fines and costs after admitting using it when the speed limiter was not restricting its maximum speed.

Graham Lawson, of 150 Godfrey Drive, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, a driver employed by Torr Coaches, pleaded guilty before the Flintshire Magistrates to four speed limiter offences.

Prosecuting for the Vehicle Inspectorate, Jack Jones said that, on 5 March, a Volvo coach was seen being driven on the westbound carriageway of the A55 Expressway between Pant-Asaph and Caerwys, having overtaken a vehicle being driven by traffic examiner Geoffrey Whitley.

The manner in which the coach was being driven led the examiner to suspect that the required speed limiter system was not effectively controlling the vehicle to its legal maximum speed of 100 km/h. Later that day the subject vehicle was seen parked outside the Castle Hotel, in the centre of Llandudno. The driver, Graham Lawson, was contacted in the hotel and he said he was transporting passengers on a five-day tour to Llandudno. He handed over seven tachograph charts.

An examination of those charts showed that speeds in excess of 100 km/h were being achieved and maintained, indicating the speed limiter system was either malfunctioning or had been tampered with.

An examination of the installation of the speed limiter was carried out by opening the inspection panel above the engine, to gain access to the fuel pump, the speed limiter motorised actuation unit and the variable link assembly, said Mr Jones.

The purpose of the variable link was to control the amount of travel in the accelerator linkage, thus reducing the amount of fuel passing from the fuel pump into the engine.

The variable link was operated by means of a bowden cable connected to a motorised actuation unit which, in turn, was activated by a signal from the electronic control unit.

The wiring loom which linked the electronic control unit to the actuation unit was found to be disconnected at the security plug. The plug was designed so that it could not readily come apart but required a physical action. To act as a deterrent and to prevent unauthorised tampering, the two halves of the plug were security wired together. The wire was then crimped with a lead seal embossed with the sealing centre's individual number.

'I just thought it was overrun or something'

In this instance, said Mr Jones, the said wire was still intact but it had been stretched close to its yield point sufficient to allow the plug faces to separate thus breaking the electrical circuit. In such circumstances, the plug could be reconnected and, as the wire was still intact, the deliberate disconnection would go undetected. There was evidence to indicate the defect was of long-standing nature, in that the disconnected wires had become contaminated with a build up of road dirt.

When asked what he had to say about the fact he had driven the vehicle at speeds in excess of 110 km/h, Mr Lawson had replied: "I just thought it was overrun or something." The magistrates fined Mr Lawson £200 and ordered him to pay prosecution costs of £70.

Plaxton recalls

MAINTENANCE

PROBLEMS over defective seats have led to Plaxton recalling all 47 Dennis Dart buses being operated by Arriva Northumbria Ltd.

This was revealed when the company, of Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, Co Durham, appeared before North Eastern traffic commissioner Tom Macartney at a Bedlington disciplinary inquiry because of concern over its maintenance record.

The commissioner said the company had been given a formal warning at an administrative director's interview in July 1996 following an unsatisfactory maintenance investigation, the issue of a number of prohibitions notices, convictions sustained and two previous warning letters.

At that time the company agreed to introduce a nil driver defect reporting system, improve training for drivers and maintenance staff, and to carry out spot checks and an audit of inspection records. The company was sent a warning letter in February 1997, following the issue of further prohibition notices. In January 1998 the company was sent another warning letter following the issue of seven prohibitions since February 1997.

Vehicle examiner John Johnson said that, over the last five years, 30 immediate prohibitions, two of which were endorsed as showing a significant maintenance failure, and 29 delayed prohibition notices had been imposed on the company's vehicles.

In April 1998 it had been fined £500 for using a vehicle in a dangerous condition. In addition, the company had failed to inform the Vehicle Inspectorate and the traffic commissioner of an incident in February when a bus carrying passengers between Newcastle and Blyth was involved in the partial loss of the nearside road wheels. Less than five

Transport Tribunal upholds Commissioner

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FINANCE

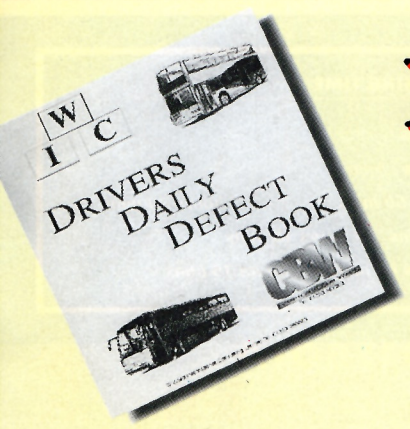
THE revocation on financial grounds of Anthony Curtis' O-licence by Western traffic commissioner Philip Brown has been upheld by the Transport Tribunal.

In October 1998 Mr Curtis, of Unit 6 Burnett Industrial Park, Gypsy Lane, Burnett, Keynsham, Bristol, trading as Silverwings, was called to a public inquiry to consider whether or not he satisfied the requirement to be of appropriate financial standing.

Mr Curtis gave undertakings to report by the end of that year whether the sale of a particular house had taken place and to report when his bankers' offer of an additional overdraft facility was confirmed.

In February 1999 Mr Curtis was asked to give urgent attention to those two matters. He was reminded again in March of that year and he replied to the effect that the property was on the market. Later that month he was requested to provide the information about the additional overdraft within 14 days. He was again reminded in April 1999 with a warning that the licence would be revoked if he failed to satisfy the commissioner he was of appropriate financial standing. That letter prompted a response indicating that the house had been sold "subject to contract" and a number of bank statements were enclosed.

In October 1999 the commissioner once again requested details about the sale of the house but no reply was received. The commissioner took no action until a reminder was sent in December 2000, which yet again



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issues formal warning but satisfied with actions taken

years previously there was a similar incident in which the wheels did come off an Arriva vehicle.

The commissioner said revocation would be in the forefront of his mind for any operator who could not prevent wheel loss in the future.

Macartney: maintenance concerns

In January vehicle examiners had inspected 41 of the company's vehicles, issuing one delayed and seven immediate prohibition notices, said Mr Johnson. Defects found included faulty seats which could have injured passengers in that they could fall through the back on to the floor, lights not working and an insecure fuel cap hatch. He thought the principle problem was at the company's Blyth depot where three prohibitions had been issued, and he thought the drivers' daily walk-round checks at that depot left a lot to be desired.

One vehicle examiner had observed an Arriva coach carrying passengers which had a rear suspension problem, a defect which meant the driver would have difficulty with the steering and could have caused a braking problem, said Mr Johnson.

For the company, Geoffrey Jones said it operated a fleet of 330 vehicles and employed almost 800 staff.

The defective seats had been on the company's Dennis Darts and were partly due to a manufacturing problem. The matter had been taken up with Plaxton, which had now agreed to recall all 47 Dennis Darts in the fleet.

The failure to report the partial wheel-loss incident was down to human error by one engineering director, who went off sick with 'flu. However, he subsequently wrote to the Vehicle Inspectorate apologising for the failure to notify the incident within the required time period.

Managing director Stephen Noble assured the commissioner that safety was the company's number-one priority. He said that driver training and preventative maintenance inspections were being improved. The company would continue to work with the Freight Transport Association and the Vehicle Inspectorate to ensure that the improvement to its systems and procedures continued. He pointed out there had been a significant investment in the fleet, with £15.33 million being spent on169 new vehicles in the last five years.

He gave an undertaking to arrange for the Freight Transport Association to undertake an advisory visit and audit and inspect a minimum of 10 buses at the Blyth depot, where 70 vehicles were based.

Pointing out that the company had an initial pass rate at annual test of 98.2%, Mr Jones said that a great deal of remedial action had been taken even before the company received the letter calling it to the public inquiry.

Taking no action other than to issue the company with a formal warning, the commissioner said he was satisfied with the actions that it had taken to rectify and tackle the problems. He warned he would take a more serious view in the future if the company failed to honour undertakings to keep its vehicles fit and roadworthy and to report any serious incidents.

commissioner's decision to revoke Silverwings O-licence

warned of the consequences if Mr Curtis failed to meet the requirement to be of appropriate financial standing. Again no reply was received.

In January of this year a formal letter was sent to Mr Curtis both by first-class post and by recorded delivery.

That letter reminded Mr Curtis about the missing information and then went on to state that, in the absence of financial information, the commissioner was no longer satisfied that Mr Curtis was of appropriate financial standing and that, as a result, he proposed to revoke the licence unless he received a written request from Mr Curtis for a public inquiry before 5 February.

Mr Curtis failed to reply to that letter and made no request for a public inquiry. The commissioner did not act at once because of information which suggested another company might be interested in taking over the business. However, on 13 February the commissioner wrote to Mr Curtis advising him the licence had been revoked from that date.

Mr Curtis told the tribunal that various problems, some relating to the business and others of a personal nature, had led up to the revocation of the licence.

He provided up-to-date details of the progress in relation to the sale of two properties and stressed that, at the time, he was working very long hours in seeking to keep his business going and to get two properties into a condition in which they could be sold. He said that, because of the hours he had been working he had failed to appreciate the need for a timely response to the letter of 11 January, 2001.

Dismissing Mr Curtis' appeal against the commissioner's decision, the tribunal said it had carefully considered all he had had to say but had been driven to ask the blunt question 'was the commissioner's decision plainly wrong?'

The answer was clearly no. If it then asked was there anything else the commissioner could have done, the answer must be nothing. The sad fact was that Mr Curtis left the commissioner with only one option, namely to revoke the licence. Indeed, it seemed the commissioner would have been wholly failing in his duty if he had taken any other course.

The case once again demonstrated how important it was for operators to reply to correspondence from traffic commissioners.

If they failed to do so, and if they failed to take advantage of the opportunity of requiring a public inquiry, with the result that their licence was revoked, it was highly unlikely that an appeal to the tribunal would succeed.

An operator in that situation who wished to remain in business would be well advised to make an application for a fresh licence.

That course had the great advantage of enabling the traffic commissioner to make an up-to-date assessment of whether the operator met the statutory requirements.

It also enabled the operator to put the full picture before the commissioner free from the statutory constraint which prohibited the tribunal from taking into account "any circumstances which did not exist at the time of the determination the subject of the appeal."

If Mr Curtis wished to remain in business as a PSV operator he must accordingly apply for a new licence.

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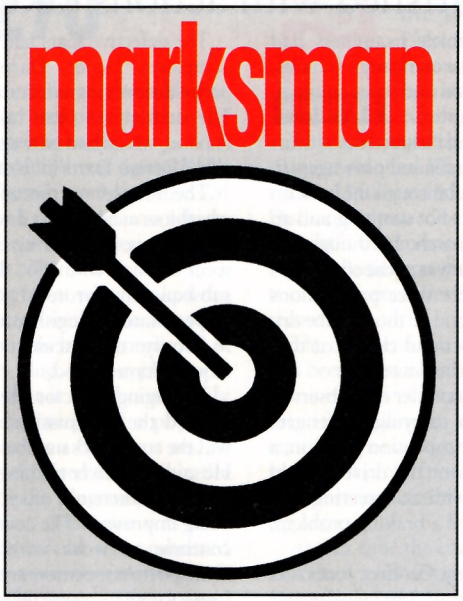
Europe: let's be rational

FOR a month we have a respite from the anguish of the Conservative Party over who is to be its leader. One interesting, but unremarked, fact about the candidates to date is that two of them (Michael Portillo and Kenneth Clarke) had been transport ministers earlier in their careers. I cannot recall a party leader contender, far less a prime minister, who has ever had this particular experience. It could auger well for the future.

Name-dropping is not at all my style, not least of all because I seldom meet any of the great and the good. But somehow the lottery of life has spun me into contact with both of these individuals. Of Michael Portillo I can only say that I am not surprised he is out of the race. When we met I was surprised how small he is in stature. Nor did he strike me as an intellectual giant, graced with the unfortunate penchant to talk at or over - rather than to you. Consequently absolutely nothing he said remains fixed in my memory at all.

Ken Clarke: erudite



From impressions gained at that brief meeting several years ago, it surprises me not that he is reported to have said that, having been rejected as the Conservative Party leader, he plans to quit politics. Shades of taking my bat and ball home, some might think, unbecoming of a true leader.

My experience with Kenneth Clarke could not have been more different. I had agreed to follow him as a speaker at a trade event. It was not until the day that the enormity of my folly struck home: he was an erudite barrister who had done well in politics thanks to his excellent grasp of the subject combined with fluency and eloquence given to but a few; whereas I was a bumbling operator distinctly lacking oratorical skills.

Sufficient to say that the relaxed style Ken Clarke showed at our pre-meeting chat relaxed me, too, and, despite my misgivings, I think it went 'all right on the night', as they say. I have since followed his career with interest - but not necessarily wholesome support - just because he seemed a decent chap. Someone you felt you could do business with, even if you did not really want what he was selling.

Whether or not Ken Clarke is the next Conservative Prime Minister will partly be determined early in September, but much more so in four years' time. The prospect of this, combined with time to reflect while holidaying in France, has caused me to review my views about the EU.

No, I have not turned violently pro-European overnight. Rather, I have come to the conclusion that our degree of involvement as a nation and as citizens is something we should all be prepared to consider rationally by evaluation of future benefits, rather than taking up entrenched positions based on ill-defined preferences and prejudices - especially if these involve attempting to hold on to a cherished but impracticable past.

From that perspective, a prospective Prime Minister who shows a degree of Euro-enthusiasm does not bother me too much - especially in someone with a track-record in transport.

Best way to pass financial standing test

BECAUSE it is vitally important, though some may not recognise how important it is until it is too late - I return to my theme of two weeks ago: establishing financial standing.

Readers above a certain age will remember when PSVs had a seven-year certificate of fitness when new, and then had to be presented for re-certification. It really was a bit of a farce as it was no more than a glorified annual test, with the added twist that the length of certificate granted depended to a great extent on how near to brand new appearance one could make a seven-year-old PSV look. At one time I believe it was common practice for London Transport to totally separate chassis and body and refurbish both to good-as-new condition for re-certification.

We lesser operators confined ourselves to having a set of 'certifying wheels'. Rims that had been shot blasted and then carefully painted and fitted with new tyres, which were further spruced up with tyre black on the walls, of course. These wheels would be fitted to a vehicle for re-certification inspection and then removed to keep perfect for the next PSV recert.

More recently, when the annual test requirements for headlight beam shape and alignment became harder at a time when the precision of bulb manufacture declined, I heard of operators who kept a set of known 'pass quality' bulbs to fit just for annual test.

Methinks that similar practices may develop to pass the financial standing test. They may well not really best serve safe operation for, paradoxically, one of the easiest ways of increasing ostensibly available finance is to not do the very thing that the finance is implicitly there for - maintain vehicles. Making sure that annual test preparation is delayed until after any financial standing review may, for some operators, enhance their apparent financial standing.

Equally implicit in the financial standing requirements is the proper conduct of the business. Yet simply delaying payment of supplier accounts is a device open to those who want to glamorise their available resources.

I have mentioned several times that the planning of fleet replacement in general, but the timing and method of acquisition in particular, will need to be suitably phased round the financial standing review date or period.

There is a certain irony in the fact that buying new, safe and reliable vehicles could prejudice the very financial standing necessary to operate them because operating older vehicles, but having cash in the bank, may well give a greater entitlement to hold O-licence discs.

The reason for this is that the capital value of operational vehicles cannot be counted as 'available' cash and reserves but those determined to maximise the holding of O-licence discs with the minimum of cash need not be put off by that - as long as it is possible to re-finance some vehicles.

Those whose work is highly seasonal and who have the bonus of the timing of the review of their financial standing taking place in the Winter may be even better placed to manipulate the system to their advantage: sell before the review and buy after - with cash in the bank between-times.

Apart from these and other similar devices, there is, of course, another way of ensuring adequate financial standing: cost and price to ensure profitable operation. This has, perhaps, been the longest-running theme of this column and my earnest wish is that all operators might show as much financial ingenuity in planning for profitability as some will in distorting the financial mirror to produce the required picture.

In this context, might I suggest that the operation of peak-hour contracts for less than the appropriate rate is probably the biggest cause of financial haemorrhage.

A couple of years ago I intimated that £100 a day might be seen as a rule of thumb minimum price for such contracts. Over that time things have changed dramatically to the extent that I would now offer the thought that anyone accepting less than £100 a day for this sort of work is plain bonkers - for the ball-park figure is now much nearer £150, with instances of £200 and more not at all uncommon.

DIARY

COACH AND BUS WEEK ENDING...

10 YEARS AGO

● PLAXTON and Tarmac announced they were to join forces in a busway building programme to bid for guided bus scheme development contracts in Leeds and Sheffield. Plaxton aims to use its £1m CAD facility to design vehicles for use on the system and Tarmac will concentrate on the civil engineering and track-laying work.

● MERCEDES-BENZ has revealed the 0404 coach that is to replace its 0303 model from next Spring. The vehicle is to be sold in the UK from the end of 1993, but is expected to have a price tag in excess of £140,000.

● MORE coaches and buses are passing their annual test at the first attempt than ever before. The Vehicle Inspectorate was pleased to announce the number of first-time failures had fallen by 2.5% but was disappointed that the proportion of vehicles failing when taking a re-test had grown.

15 YEARS AGO

● LEYLAND Bus management has agreed in principle to pay £11.7m for the company and a 33% share of Leyland Parts. The deal is being backed by Bankers Trust and will include the Faringdon plant and the Workington factory, along with four Leyland service centres.

● AUBREY Martin has been appointed managing director of Ensign Bus & Coach Division. He moves from the Moseley Group, where he served for six years, and previously held a sales position with DAF Bus.

● LONDON Regional Transport's annual report shows that operating costs per bus mile were dramatically reduced under the first year that London Buses ran as a subsidiary of LRT. Its losses, before grants, fell to £140m from £185m last year.

Archives uncovered

HUNDREDS of papers, archives, receipts and timetables have been unearthed by staff at a Nottingham holiday firm as preparations continue for their move to new promises in August.

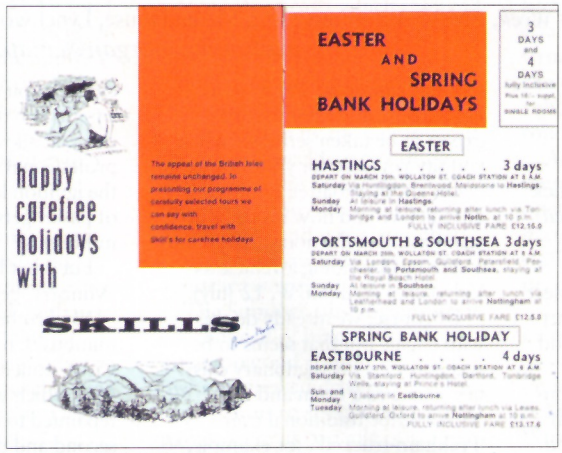
For Skills Motor Coaches, the discoveries at their Radford headquarters, their home since 1919, have revealed a leisurely age when a week's holiday was priced in guineas and charabancs ruled the highway.

Curtis Harvey from the firm's design team has also found that Nottingham travellers were keen for away-days at the races.

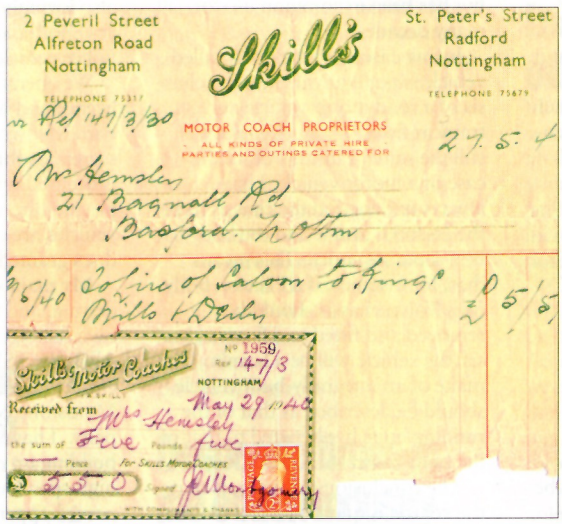
"We've found examples of our annual race meeting brochures that list all the major racing events and by all accounts they were extremely popular," he says.

A sheaf of receipts from the mid 1960s shows that a coach cost £27 15/- (£27.75) for a day trip to Blackpool, significantly more than the five-guinea fee charged in 1940.

Conservation work has now begun to maintain the newly-found archive and arrangements are being made for some to be displayed at Skills' new headquarters at Belgrave Road, Bulwell.



1967 brochure details 'happy carefree holidays'



Invoice from 1940 shows a fee of five guineas

Photos of a former age in London

IT IS the centenary of London United Tramways and the 70th anniversary of the trolley-bus.

To coincide with these anniversaries, *Streets of London* is a book which is a memento of a former age.

In the album Kevin McCormack has assembled a host of rare colour photographs depicting London streetscapes of the 1940s and 1950s.

Central to the photographs are the various modes of public transport which existed in the capital in the early to middle part of the last century. Trams made way for the trolley-buses, which in turn gave way to buses.

Streets of London is an exercise in pure nostalgia and is described by the publisher as entertaining and informative.

Streets of London, by Kevin McCormack, is priced £14.99 and is available from bookshops or by mail order from: Mail Order Dept, Ian Allan Publishing Ltd, 4 Watling Drive, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 3EY.

Autoglass online auction nets £7,000 for charity

VEHICLE glass repair and replacement specialist Autoglass has raised £7,000 for its nominated charity, Macmillan Cancer Relief, by holding an online auction of signed Chelsea FC shirts to mark the end of its four-year sponsorship.

Each of the 15 shirts up for auction was signed by its respective Chelsea FC player and framed together with a commemorative plaque and an A4 colour photomontage depicting 'The Autoglass Years'.

Bids came from as far a field as Hong Kong and Australia, with the highest bid of £1,220 made by a Londoner for Zola's shirt. Dennis Wise's shirt received the next highest bid of £900.

Sharon Cottam, corporate fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer Relief, said: "I am absolutely delighted by the funds raised. It was well beyond our expectations. It has been a different way of raising funds for Macmillan and one which we will certainly look at again.

"I would like to thank Autoglass for making this happen. The money raised will be used to help cancer patients and their families throughout the UK."

Ian Carlisle, managing director of Autoglass, said: "We're absolutely delighted with the results from the auction.

"Our sponsorship of Chelsea was the most successful period in the club's history and it's great to see that the fans have responded to that success with their high bids.

"The cash raised is for an excellent cause and will help Macmillan support cancer patients and their families throughout the United Kingdom."

Winners emerge despite competition challenge

OUR recent competitions asking readers to name celebrities (*CBW*, 12 and 19 July) seemed to have presented a real challenge.

CBW 12 July contained a picture showing the 50th anniversary celebrations of Premier Coaches in January 1986.

The people in the picture were Arthur Lainson, Lord Teviot, James Isaac and Frank Matthews. We only received one correct answer to this and it came from James Isaac - who said he did not wish to claim the prize of a bottle of whisky but, as his was the only correct entry, *CBW* believes he should receive the prize anyway.

Our second competition in *CBW* 19 July also asked for details of a celebration and the names of the people pictured. The event was the acquisition of West Riding Automobile in 1987 by the directors of Caldaire, Haydon Bolt, Mike Hunter, Ken Hodgson and Bob Laucht. The first to answer correctly was Andrew Walker, managing director of Adbus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Annoyed by your article on Ireland

I WAS rather annoyed by the article on Ireland in your *Out and About* feature (*CBW*, 28 June) in your otherwise excellent magazine.

The text of the article and subject of my displeasure states "let's start with the obvious, it's an island and a foreign country." This is very misleading and liable to cause confusion to anyone visiting the Irish Republic and/or Northern Ireland.

On another level this statement is very insensitive. I doubt if *CBW* would ever describe Gibraltar as part of Spain. May I suggest that in future the island of Ireland be the subject of two articles, one for each country and allowing a more accurate description of each country's coach tour potential.

ALLAN ELDER
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Don't turn the noun chassis into a verb

SO FIRST Manchester has been warned to make safety a priority (*CBW*, 5 July). Good. And maybe after that, they'll turn their attention to comfort, rip out all those hard seats that are fitted to so many of their recent new buses and put in new seats with proper upholstery. Oh yes, and make sure the rake of the seat-backs isn't cancelled out by the angle of the floor ramp, imposing an intolerably upright posture on passengers.

I've ridden in wartime utilities with wooden-slatted seating that was more luxurious than some present-day offerings. Put it right, FirstGroup, and then you may expect to be taken seriously when you say you care for your bus users.

On another matter, I noticed it once before and now it's crept up again: turning the noun chassis into a verb by describing a vehicle as Volvo-chassised (*CBW*, 12 July).

Of course, we already do this with engine but that seems to be acceptable as my dictionary classifies engine as a noun and verb. We also describe traditional trams as 'Peckham-trucked', for example, which may not strictly be correct but has been in common use for many decades.

In any case, the truck of a railed vehicle is not equivalent to the chassis of a road motor vehicle and a tramcar fitted with a new truck is still the same tramcar but, in the case of a motor vehicle, I have always understood the chassis to be the essential article and the body to be a separate entity. This means that, for instance, if a Plaxton body on a Volvo chassis should be removed and fitted to a Scania chassis, the vehicle will be a Scania. The make of an integrally-built vehicle should be described as that of the running units hyphenated to that of the body (as in 'AEC-Park Royal').

The conclusion, I believe, is that the vehicle is question is not Volvo-chassised but a Volvo.

DAVID WAYMAN
Oldham
Grt Manchester

Make sure you know how to read licence

I READ with great interest your *Licensing & Legal* section. It brings to light the sort of things that can trip you up, no matter how careful you think you are. How can you allow for the fully-qualified professional nutcases who removed the ignition key from a vehicle full of passengers at speed on a Belgian motorway?

But what happens when the 'Ministry' gets it wrong?

My brother and I run three minibuses, one is an ex-Bradford City Council 1992 16-seat LDV 400, which we have had lovingly repainted to our own livery. The second and third are 14 and 11-seat factory-built K & R-reg Transits, also lovingly painted up in our livery. Both the Transits are ex MOD police vehicles.

We operate under a restricted O-licence and have school contracts with Medway Council. The 11 seater has three seats removed and is licensed by Medway Council as a private-hire vehicle. The two larger vehicles are operated under the two discs granted to us.

My main source of income is taxi driving, and my brother runs his own haulage company. I passed my All Types PSV Test in 1977 when employed by the now defunct Maidstone & District Bus Company. I have grandiose visions of building up my empire to a fleet of high-spec touring coaches (it'll never happen, but one can dream). Meanwhile, we satisfy ourselves by operating a couple of school contracts, private hires and airport runs.

As everybody is aware we are all made to jump through various hoops to satisfy traffic commissioners, Hackney Carriage inspectors, VAT inspectors, The Vehicle Inspectorate, tax inspectors and so on and so forth.

My brother, who has held an HGV1 licence since 1974, rang me from his school to tell me that The Vehicle Inspectorate was there. Moreover, he had been told that he was not licensed to drive the 14-seat Transit that he was in, for hire and reward. My brother passed his PCV test in 1999, in the vehicle that he was now driving, and is entitled to drive for hire and reward a PCV vehicle with up to 16 seats.

After 30 minutes in the school car park, the matter was resolved by a colleague of the inspector contacting another colleague in the test centre who had access to the DVLA computer. My brother's details were checked, and found to be perfectly in order.

We all follow the procedures to ensure that we satisfy the criteria to operate safely and legally, and, when the Vehicle Inspectorate does its spot check, we hope to satisfy the inspectors that our drivers and vehicles are up to scratch.

We should then be able to watch as the unlicensed and bald tyre brigade who undercut the legal operators get hung out to dry. But when you are whiter than white, (the vehicle had just come directly from our maintenance contractors after a PMI) you should not be left in a school car park under the gaze of all the other contractors, the school staff, the Medway council official who granted us that contract, the Hackney Carriage Inspector and any other anonymous persons who may be waiting in the wings, because the vehicle inspector was unable to read my brother's driving licence.

I believe that the inspector was not familiar with the category of minibus driving (up to 16 seats) for hire and reward, which he was specifically sent out to check.

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New road passenger transport NVQs

By Peter Huntington
Chief Executive
TRANSfED

THE NEW RPT S/NVQs at level 2 will be formally launched at Coach & Bus 2001 at the NEC, from 9-11 October.

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One-day inductions are also planned, designed to support and guide individual centres through the assessment process.

They will be arranged by AMD at the company's convenience.

■ **For further information on either of the workshops contact AMD on 01923 896607.**

He would have been looking for Category 'D', but what he found was Category 'D1' with no 'information code' entry, which is the correct notation for my brother's entitlement. If the code '101' which means 'not for hire or reward' had appeared in the column, he would not have been entitled to drive for hire and reward.

The whole thing is furthermore confused by the fact that the holder of all-types PCV licence *does* have the code 'D1' but it is over-ruled by Category 'D' which does not have '101' against it.

In the event the inspector should not be trying to work out from the information on my brother's licence whether or not he has the entitlement. The inspector should be trained to look and see and know immediately. The rest of us are entitled to be bewildered by the highly-confusing way that drivers' licences are set out, but the inspector is the chap who should be explaining to us how to understand it.

All the buses that he specifically came out to examine had 16 seats or fewer.

Because he did not know his stuff he caused our company TT Travel and my brother unnecessary embarrassment.

The lesson is to make sure you know how to read your driver's licence. Don't let this happen to you. Fortunately both my brother and myself are middle-aged and long in the tooth, therefore, no tempers were lost or insults flung, but a younger more excitable driver might well have handled the situation more colourfully.

Suppose the inspector had not been satisfied with my brother's driving entitlement? There were nine children on the bus, being 'held hostage'. What happens to the driver's primary directive that the safety and comfort of the passengers come first?

Fortunately none of these particular children has serious disabilities, but another one of our contracts involves children whose conditions do not allow them to wait around.

Even though we are completely without fault there will be a residual aftertaste in the memories of those officials who witnessed the event.

We contacted all these officials and they all accept it was a misunderstanding. My brother spoke to the inspector by telephone the following day. They cleared the air and the inspector's apology was accepted. No further action is being taken in this matter, it is closed, which is why I have left out names and locations of other parties involved. I certainly would not like to see anybody named and shamed over this matter, but I think readers should know about our experience. Perhaps they can protect themselves against such a thing happening to them. I have the names of all the parties involved and I will gladly supply them to the editor on condition that they are not published.

CHRISTOPHER R TAFFE
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TT Travel
Rochester
Kent

Letter of the Week

Operators should consider more than minimum

THE editorial in (*CBW*, 19 July) does not seem to have been given the thought you usually apply. It seems to perpetuate myths about 'noble operators' being hounded by 'nasty inspectors' whereas, I suspect, none of the hard evidence bears this out.

Coach operators go to some lengths to present a shiny image to their customers maybe disguised with an anonymous numberplate. They should, perhaps, consider doing more than the minimum to present a good professional image to those checking that, at least, the minimum legal requirements are met.

An on-board vehicle maintenance record card which is linked to a drivers' daily defect book, that showed evidence of use, would demonstrate the operator's commitment.

Verification by the employer of the driver's weekly work duties would be more persuasive than the production of one tachograph chart and what, too often, is a wild assertion that they do 'contract work'.

The Summer, also, brings some coaches out of hibernation in none too good condition driven by hard-pressed drivers; these are not obvious to spot, as some 'big' names seem as capable of sloppy or sharp practice in vehicle condition and drivers' hours as anyone else. As the law stands, Construction & Use infringements can only be dealt with when the vehicle has been used on the road, not parked in a yard.

And, as regards databases, these would be more efficient if operators checked they had declared their current vehicles to traffic commissioners, as is good practice.

I speak as a former enforcement officer now in business as a missionary to advise operators on getting their act together.

A MACKINTOSH
Worthing
Sussex

Pleased to read article on Setra

BEING a keen Setra fan I was pleased to read your article on the new-generation Setra (*CBW*, 12 July).

We at Chenery Travel are one of the customers mentioned in your article who have already placed an order. I already possess photos of the S8 and the 400 series from trips recent and past to Ulm.

My question, however, is would there be any way that I could obtain a copy of the picture on the cover of *CBW*, 12 July.

I can give you my word that I have had first-hand experience of the new 400 and it really is a superb TopClass vehicle.

SIMON MCGRAFFIN
Fleet manager
Chenery Travel
Norfolk

■ **I am delighted you enjoyed the feature on the Setra TopClass. I have put a copy of the photograph used on the front cover in the post - Ed.**

Thanks, 'Mr Plaxton' and all the best

I WOULD like to say thank you to Bob Walmsley who is to retire from Plaxton because of ill health. For many coach operators, large and small, Bob is 'Mr Plaxton', looking after operators in Yorkshire and other areas for over 30 years.

I first had dealings with him in the early 1970s and he has always been ready to help. Indeed, you could ring him any time of day or night and he was always cheerful.

I am sure all his friends in the industry will join with me in wishing him and his wife, Lynne, all the best in the future.

PETER BIBBY
Bibbys of Ingleton

Desperate times in the coach industry

IT WOULD seem to be desperate times within the coach industry when fellow operators help themselves to other operators' Euroliner wheel trims.

Only this weekend some tight wad fiend who obviously can't afford to buy them, thought he/she would just remove one wheel trim from one of our Optimo V minicoaches (note, wheel trim, caps, nuts and the brackets). Has the recent foot-and-mouth outbreak affected your business that much?

Are your drivers unable to drive your vehicles without damaging your existing wheel trims? Or are you so cheap that it's just easier to take those of other operators?

For future information Automate of Cleckheaton stock all Euroliner wheel trims, offering friendly service and next-day delivery.

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SCOTT ROSS
Managing director
Telsons Coaches
London
(e-mail letter)

Look what we're still offering our drivers

HERE we are in the middle of the season and driver shortages abound. But wait, let's look at what we are still offering. I say 'still' because, apart from wage increases and possibly new coaches, nothing much.

Chatting as drivers do on jobs I find expenses haven't risen or even exist in some parts of the country. Accommodation offered on some work is abysmal, work with children can be difficult and unrewarding. Why do you take work that the drivers don't want to do?

Better work equals more available drivers.

Young drivers in the industry now turn away form tours if they are not in a hotel. Nobody wants a tent or hostel. A lot of drivers get 12-hour days for schools and contracts and are home every night, Why go away? They ask.

The whole system of wages expenses needs revising before the industry collapses.

SP, Hants

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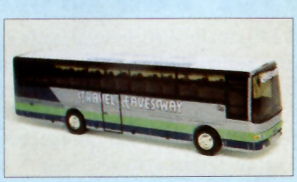

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Crowe turns its focus on the coach market

Will premiums continue to increase? Mike Morgan finds some answers

OPERATORS suffering the second successive round of major hikes in insurance premiums can look forward to a more settled period, according to one of the industry's leading players.

Kevin Feeley, the recently-appointed active underwriter of Crowe Syndicate 963, was speaking against a background of the coach and bus industry being hit by 25% increases last year and a further significant increase in insurance costs in 2001.

Mr Feeley, who originally joined Crowe in 1998 when the group acquired Wellington Underwriting's private motor business, pinpoints two key reasons for the higher premiums. Some players, he says, were selling insurance too cheap and have since pulled out. In addition, insurers have been hit by claims inflation - eg, higher charges for ambulances, hospitals and personal injury claims. However, Mr Feeley says that, while the latter is outside the direct control of the insurers, those remaining in the market - remembering that Norwich Union has abandoned the coach and bus sector and Independent crashed - have made the necessary corrections.

The Crowe Insurance Group, of which Syndicate 963 is the founding and still largest syndicate, itself added to uncertainty in the market by pulling away from the bus sector and also when its Bermuda-based owners, Stockton Reinvestment put the business up for sale. However, Mr Feeley, who is part of a seven-man team that has mounted a management buyout (MBO) bid, says that, whatever happens on the ownership front, Crowe remains committed to the coach market.

Crowe Syndicate 963's chief operating officer and fellow member of the MBO team, Andrew Calvert, confirms the revised focus that is the result of a switch in policy in 2000 away from the ground-breaking self-insurance arrangements pioneered by Crowe over the previous decade.

Sky high: but the worst could be over

Self insurance had strong appeal to the emerging bus groups and the arrangement whereby a large proportion of the risk was covered by a separate fund had a preferential effect on premiums - the larger the fund the smaller the premium. However, problems arose when some funds ran out and Crowe was left to cover unexpected retrospective claims. Explaining the syndicate's pragmatic response, Mr Calvert said: "If it hasn't performed, it's been cut." Consequently Crowe has turned its focus back on underwriting deals of the type preferred by the coach market.

Syndicate 963 underwrites a broad spectrum of coach, haulage, public and fleet risks through a network of regional underwriters based in Colchester, Solihull, Bristol and at the world's most famous insurance marketplace, Lloyd's of London.

Crowe has provided coach insurance to the UK market for over 21 years and recognises the value of this experience in what is a very specialised arena. A pioneer of important innovations in the market, including the provision of accident cameras and the use of the latest digital imaging technology to speed up insurance repair claims, it has recently launched the *croweonline* website initiative headed up by Brian Chapman, the well known industry specialist who recently joined the company following the sale of his own High Wycombe-based company.

The online service is geared to enabling brokers to provide an enhanced quotation service. It is complemented by *crowecoach.com* which is an exclusive scheme designed specifically for owner drivers and operators of small fleets of up to six vehicles. While Mr Chapman says the online service offers significant benefits for Crowe customers, he is, nonetheless, adamant that, in a hard market that has fewer players, operators' own claims experience is critical - ie, the size of the premium is directly related to the size of the claims. "In some circumstances it is better not to claim."

Mr Chapman also recognises that the coach and bus industry is mindful of Lloyd's recent history when adverse publicity generated by the activities of some of its members hung like a storm cloud over the famous institution. "Those days have gone," he said. However, he added: "Lloyds has to do something of a marketing job."

Over 100 brokers register with Croweonline in under six weeks

OVER 100 brokers have already applied for immediate registration to *croweonline.com* since its launch less than six weeks ago, clearly demonstrating the internet is now seen as a practical and cost-effective way to obtain quotations and place coach and commercial vehicle cover.

Brian Chapman, head of business development at Crowe Syndicate 963, said: "The number of brokers who have registered with *croweonline* since its launch has far exceeded our expectations. Our pre-launch research identified a need for a service of this kind, but the immediate enthusiasm of brokers has without doubt justified both our investment in *croweonline* and our long-term commitment to the coach and commercial vehicle insurance sectors. We are delighted with the response."

Broker Ian Clarkson of West Craven Insurance Services said: "As leading brokers to the road haulage industry we were one of the first to sign up with *croweonline.com*. We have been very impressed by the user-friendly nature of the website and we find the speed with which the quotations are produced to be very helpful. This is a competitive business and *croweonline.com* will give us the advantage we are looking for."

Designed specifically for owner drivers and operators of small risks of less than five vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, *croweonline.com* comprises two specialist linked sites - *crowecoach.com* and *crowetruck.com*.

The schemes, available to approved brokers who register through the sites, are administered by a team of dedicated underwriters to ensure that quotations are delivered on the same day.

Brokers and their clients are also to be supported by the syndicate's dedicated coach and commercial vehicle claims team to ensure efficient handling and prompt settlement of claims. In addition, approved *croweonline.com* brokers will have the benefit of:

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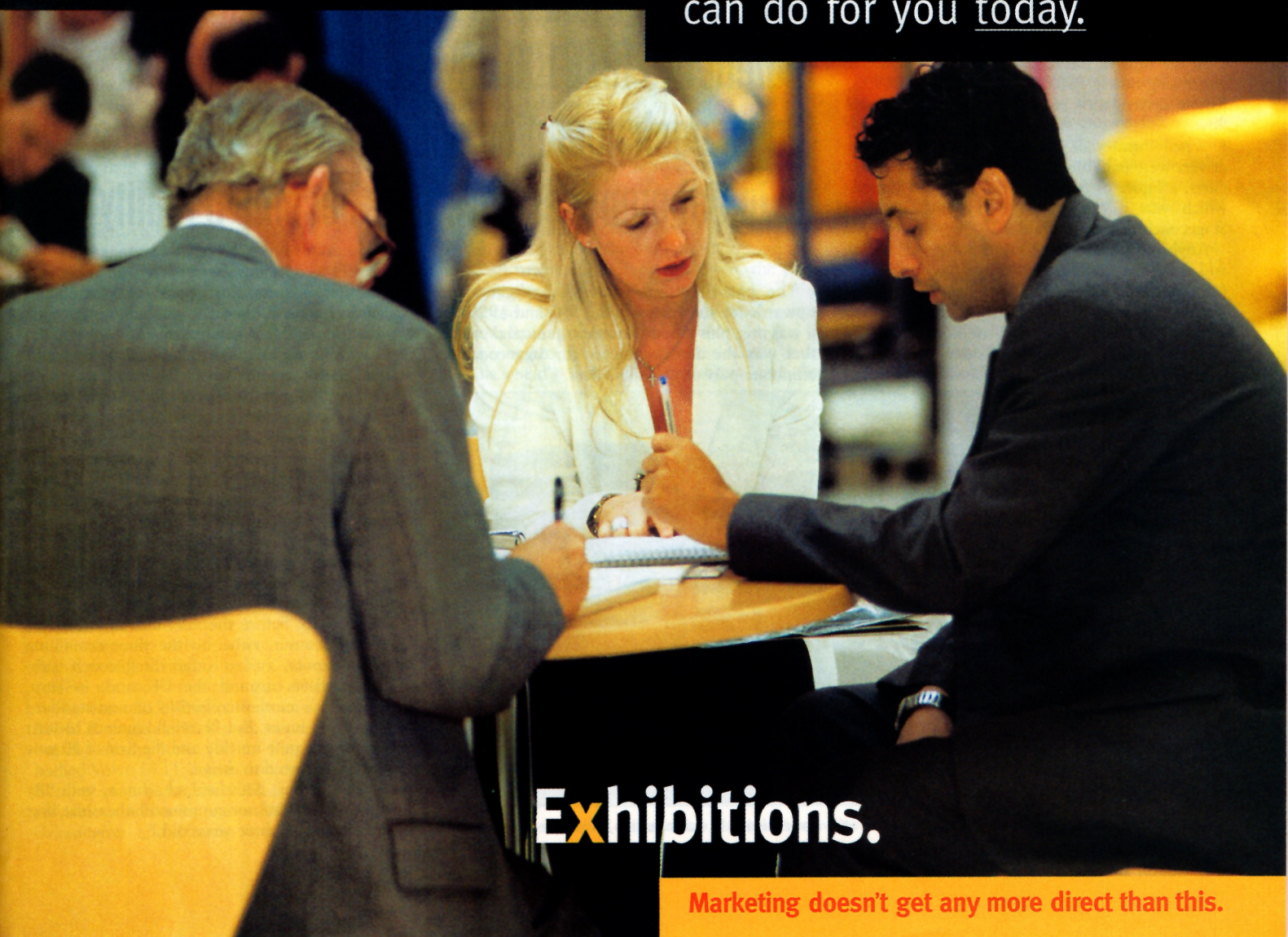

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Trail-blazing in the

Plaxton President in bright new Blazefield livery contrasts with former Stagecoach look

David Barrow takes a look at the background to Blazefield's first 100 days of running a former Stagecoach operation and discovers that some of its initial promises have now become a reality

THE announcement in February that Stagecoach was to sell part of its Ribble operations because it was under performing came as no surprise to some financial pundits in the City. That magic 18% on returns on turnover was never going to be achieved in the rural areas like Clitheroe and the towns of Blackburn and Bolton where the municipal buses and FirstGroup are a dominant force.

The other big groups must also now be taking stock and looking hard at profit margins of all their operating companies.

It is just unfortunate, or fortunate depending on which way you look at it, that Stagecoach 'wielded the axe' first, dispensing with its Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley and Clitheroe depots in its east Lancashire and Greater Manchester operations.

The management of Ribble bought the company from NBC in March 1988 who, in turn, sold it to Stagecoach in April 1989.

In March 1996 Stagecoach found itself owning half the East Lancashire municipal fleet of Burnley & Pendle. The fleet of 100-plus buses was owned by two councils, and Pendle decided to sell, but Burnley wanted to hang on.

Stagecoach bought Pendle's share fending of bids from GM Buses North and Preston Buses. Burnley finally gave in in November 1996 and Stagecoach took the lot in a deal which was to be completed before Christmas.

At the time of the Ribble takeover in 1989, it was losing nearly £50,000 a week and, in 1992, Ribble drivers took a pay cut to improve cash flow.

When Burnley & Pendle came on board the drivers were paid more than their Ribble counterparts, a figure of nearly a third has been muted, which was a rate of pay only surpassed by Stagecoach drivers in London.

Anyhow, in February 2001, a buyer was found and on 17 April Blazefield Holdings took over four depots at Clitheroe, Blackburn, Bolton and Burnley, inheriting nearly 250 buses and over 500 staff in a deal worth £13 million, that left Stagecoach Ribble with only three garages, at Chorley, Fleetwood and Preston and 200 vehicles.

The profit margins showed a slight trend upwards for the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 but it was this, plus a poor record of industrial unrest, that was the deciding factor for Stagecoach to amputate part of its Ribble fleet.

Lancashire United Transport name used for the operations in Lancashire/Greater Manchester

Industry sources claim Stagecoach was bursting to get its hands on the two remaining municipals in East Lancashire (Blackburn and Rossendale) and without them could never achieve its profit target. Are they also on the Blazefield shopping list? The chairman had never hidden the fact that he is "looking at further opportunities to pick up territories discarded by the big groups."

Blazefield is putting its money where its mouth is and there's an upbeat feel around the depots, unlike last Easter when there was a very public cremation of Stagecoach uniforms.

Blazefield has inherited a fleet that can only be described as old and a mixed bag - 12 different vehicle types, with an average age of 11 years, a total of 232 buses and coaches.

Stagecoach, before the sale, moved 100 of its newer buses out, either to the three remaining Ribble depots, or to other Stagecoach subsidiaries' fleets around the UK and, in turn, brought in a motley collection of non-standard coaches and buses. But Blazefield intends to start modernising quite quickly and the first of 50 new buses have started to arrive.

Giles Fearnley, Blazefield, chairman, said: "By 2004 over 40% of our combined Lancashire fleet will be less than three years old."

North West

Blazefield is putting its money where its mouth is

The company also plans to bring some Northern Counties Olympians from London Sovereign to replace its Bristol VRTs and Leyland Atlanteans.

Blazefield decided that, right from the outset, the operation would be split into two separate units but would share the same regional director.

The Burnley segment would retain the name Burnley & Pendle, the name that was in use before and during the Stagecoach period (albeit Stagecoach Burnley & Pendle), a name that residents can easily identify with that goes back to 1974.

The Lancashire United Transport name used for the operations in Lancashire/Greater Manchester originally disappeared more or less to the day 20 years ago, when the company, which was the largest independent bus operator in the UK with nearly 400 buses, was finally incorporated into the fleet of Greater Manchester Transport, which had bought it back in 1976 for £2.5 million.

The livery chosen for Burnley & Pendle is red and cream, which is not a million miles away from the colours of B&P in the late Eighties to mid Nineties, but is more akin to Blazefield's Harrogate & District.

Lancashire United's mix of blue and cream is some way between Huntingdon & District and Yorkshire Coastliner livery.

Graham Mitchell, group communications manager for Blazefield Holdings, commenting on the Lancashire United name, said: "The name was just there begging to be used and, with no licence or copyright on it, we have adopted it for our operations in Lancashire/Greater Manchester.

"Blazefield has no corporate colours, the emphasis being on a strong local livery for each individual subsidiary."

Blazefield came about in August 1991 when senior managers of the AJS group took over the company and re-emerged as Blazefield Holdings.

At the helm of both Lancashire United and Burnley & Pendle is George Scrymgeour, a 53-year-old Mancunian, who had been operations manager at Stagecoach Ribble since 1999.

Before that he held various management positions with First Manchester at Bolton, Bury and Oldham depots and with GM Buses.

His position as Lancashire director means he is responsible for the day-to-day running of the four garages. He said that, during the recent racial unrest in Burnley, all services were maintained even on the mainline route. Colne Road was the centre of some of the worst violence.

Blazefield's fleet has grown by over 50% to approximately 650 buses and 1,500 staff, spread over eight companies in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Hertfordshire and London.

The company intends to continue to lower the fleet age still further, which it has managed to achieve year on year for the past 10 years.

The first of 25 Wrights Renown- bodied Volvo BIOBLE single deckers were taken on board at Burnley during June, and 15 Plaxton President-bodied Volvo B7TL double deckers also arrived at Burnley in July for the X43 Colne-Manchester service, which was extended on 1 July to Grassington and Hawes, one journey in each direction Sunday only, plus bank holidays for July, August and September.

"Having careful regard to the recent circumstances of foot-and-mouth disease on the North Yorkshire/Lancashire border, Burnley & Pendle is working closely with the Yorkshire Dales National Parks Authority in the promotion of this new service.

George Scrymgeour said: "We are very aware the entire economy of the Yorkshire Dales is suffering acutely and that scores of small independent businesses such as pubs, restaurants, gift shops and attractions in Hawes, Aysgarth, Grassington and Skipton are desperately anxious to welcome visitors.

"Our buses are washed and cleaned internally and externally every day so a trip by Burnley & Pendle bus is almost certainly the safest and most environmentally-sound way of visiting the Yorkshire Dales.

"The X43 not only makes the Yorkshire Dales accessible to those who rely on public transport, it also provides an easy and attractive alternative for car drivers to leave their vehicle at home and enjoy the ride."

Andy Ryland, transport and visitor management officer at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said: "The National Park Authority is actively encouraging people to visit and the X43 Sunday service will once again open up the Yorkshire Dales to the many thousands of people who live on the route.

"It will provide an affordable means for the public to reach one of the nation's treasured National Parks, be they a lover of the beautiful scenery or a family looking to visit one of the area's picture postcard towns or villages.

"Although most of the footpaths in the Dales remain closed due to the foot-and-mouth precautions, all towns and villages are open, the park still has much to offer the visitor and all the attractions and small businesses would very much welcome your custom."

Returning to the 15 new double deckers, these are Blazefield's first lowfloor deckers and the Plaxton bodywork specification is equally as high as that of Blazefield's Alexander vehicles that it had bought previously.

In a closing statement from Blazefield's chairman, Giles Fearnley, talking of the first three months on the other side of the Pennines, said: "It has been a busy three months. Already some key services have seen frequency improvements and some new tender journeys have been won.

"We have begun to roll out staff training programmes which have been running successfully elsewhere within the Blazefield Group. A lot of work has been done to develop high-quality timetable and publicity material which is now being distributed.

"We have taken on a very committed workforce whose enthusiasm has helped enormously during these first weeks. The most visible sign of change has been the delivery, just seven weeks after our acquisition, of the first of our new vehicles - 45 high quality, lowfloor buses will be in service by August operating from Burnley and Clitheroe depots.

"We have confirmed plans for further investment during the Winter such that, within 12 months of us taking over, over a third of the Lancashire fleet will have been replaced with new vehicles. We were enthusiastic when we took over but, if anything, we are even more enthusiastic now, seeing the opportunities which lie ahead."

More than a third of Lancashire fleet will have been replaced with new vehicles in 12 months

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New

- Four instead of three categories for Coach Operator of the Year:

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Coach Operator of the Year – 6-15 vehicles
Coach Operator of the Year – 16-30 vehicles
Coach Operator of the Year – 31-plus vehicles

- Three additional categories for coach operators to enter:

Coach Operator Website 2002
Coach Operator Retail Shop 2002
Coach Operator Workshops 2002

- More categories for readers of *CBW* to nominate:

Coach Sea Route 2002
Coach Tour Wholesaler 2002
Coach Dealer 2002
Coach Industry Supplier 2002

- An award for Special Contribution to the Coach Industry

- Vehicle awards based on exhibits at the Coach & Bus 2001 show:

Coach of the Year (41-plus seats)
Midicoach of the Year (17-40 seats)
Minicoach of the Year (9-16 seats)

- Enter online: *cbwnet.co.uk*

Improved

- Enlarged and enhanced judging panel
- Visits by the judges to the finalists in the Coach Operator of the Year categories
- Simplified and streamlined entry process

How to become

As *CBW* launches its eighth annual awards for the coach and coach tourism industry, Mike Morgan guides you through the entry process

WE HAVE revised the categories, simplified the entry process, and are ready to kick-off *CBW* Coach Awards 2002.

Yes, entry for *CBW*'s eighth annual Awards starts here.

There are four steps to entry. 1 – Look at the list of categories and decide which ones you wish to enter. 2 – Fill in the application form. 3 – Prepare your entry in time to meet the 31 August deadline. 4 – Depending on the category, leave the decision either in the hands of the expert judging panel or the Coach Tourism Council board.

For the 2002 Awards, we have some changes.

In response to the ever-increasing volume of entries, we have introduced a fourth Coach Operator of the Year category. Entry is, as always, by self-nomination. This means operators must obtain an entry form – which you will find on page 32.

Other changes for 2002 include the introduction of three new categories – Website, Retail Shop and Workshop.

The aim is quite simply to provide more opportunities for coach operators.

Disability Aware Coach Operator 2002 is an award that is open to all operators who make provision for passengers with special needs.

Disability awareness first emerged in 2000 as the Editor's Award – this in turn is redefined. This time, the Editor's Award will be presented to the person who has made the most notable contribution to coaching and coach tourism over the past year. No entries are required but the editor welcomes any suggestions.

Redefined for 2001, the CTC Award will again be for the Coach Friendly Resort of the Year.

The Awards have been run in association with the CTC over the past seven years and its award confirms the mutual support.

First entries roll in for CBW's Individ

IT'S that time of year again already. *CBW's* Individual Livery Contest is probably the most popular of all the annual coach awards and attracts hundreds of entries.
We're now in the second half of the year and, before we know it, the Coach Awards 2002 will be upon us. As with all the other awards in the coach industry's premier event, you can't win if you don't enter. So get those entries sent off to us NOW, before it's too late.
The first six entries for the Individual Livery Award contest are:

1) Cam Valley Mini-Coaches, Bath

2) Translinc, Lincoln

3) Travel Wright, Newark

4) Plants Minicoach Travel, Stoke-on-Trent

5) Fraser Eagle, Accrington

6) OLT Stourbridge

a winner in 2002

Since the 2001 awards in February, the entry process has been revised to make it less time-consuming

lual Livery Awards 2001

Categories

■ Awards that require an entry form

ENTRY is by the entry form on page 32. The form should be returned along with up to 1,500 words explaining 'Why you should win this award' plus any supporting evidence considered necessary. The deadline for entry is 31 August.

Each award will then be judged by one of four judging panels who will select first, second and third positions.

But finalists in categories 1-4 will first receive a visit from one of the judges:

1 Coach Operator of the Year – 1-5 vehicles
2 Coach Operator of the Year – 6-15 vehicles
3 Coach Operator of the Year – 16-30 vehicles
4 Coach Operator of the Year – 31-plus vehicles
5 Disability Aware Coach Operator 2002
6 Coach Operator Training Programme 2002
7 Coach Operator Marketing Campaign 2002
8 Coach Operator Corporate Identity 2002
9 Coach Day Excursion Programme 2002
10 Coach Tour Brochure 2002
11 Coach Operator Website 2002
12 Coach Operator Retail Shop 2002
13 Coach Operator Workshops 2002 (ie, best maintenance facilities)

■ The following will be judged by a panel of judges who will vote on photographs submitted before 31 August:

14 Individual Coach Livery 2002

■ The following will be decided by one of the four judging panels which will assess nominations received from *CBW* readers before 31 August:

15 Coach Sea Route 2002
16 Coach Tour Wholesaler 2002
17 Coach Dealer 2002
18 Coach Industry Supplier 2002

Special Awards

■ The following will be determined by the Board of the Coach Tourism Council:

19 CTC Coach-Friendly Resort 2002

An Editor's Award will be presented for:

20 Special Contribution to the Coach Industry

■ The following will be decided at a special meeting of the judges. Performance in all categories will be taken into account:

21 The Best British Coach Operator 2002

Vehicle awards

■ The following will be decided by all the judges who will vote on every vehicle exhibited at the Coach & Bus 2001 show. They will assess each vehicle from the viewpoint of operator, driver, engineer and passenger:

22 Coach of the Year (41-plus seats)
23 Midicoach of the year (17-40 seats)
24 Minicoach of the Year (9-16 seats)

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I wish to enter

Coach operators can win all or some of the following. Please tick the awards you wish to enter and return this form along with no more than 1,500 words plus supporting evidence for each category. Remember that the deadline is 31 August.

1 Coach Operator of the Year – 1-5 vehicles .....

2 Coach Operator of the Year – 6-15 vehicles .....

3 Coach Operator of the Year – 16-30 vehicles .....

4 Coach Operator of the Year – 31-plus vehicles .....

5 Disability Aware Coach Operator 2002 .....

6 Coach Operator Training Programme 2002 .....

7 Coach Operator Marketing Campaign 2002 .....

8 Coach Operator Corporate Identity 2002 .....

9 Coach Day Excursion Programme 2002 .....

10 Coach Tour Brochure 2002 .....

11 Coach Operator Website 2002 .....

12 Coach Operator Retail Shop 2002 .....

13 Coach Operator Workshops 2002
(ie, best maintenance facilities) .....

I wish to nominate

All *CBW* readers are entitled to nominate candidates for the four awards listed below. The result will then be decided by the number of votes cast. In the case of the Wholesaler Award the voting will be weighted according to a scale agreed with BAWTA and the top three will be visited by one of the judges. Write the name of your nomination in the space provided and then explain why your nominee should win an award:

1 Coach Sea Route 2002 .....

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2 Coach Tour Wholesaler 2002 .....

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3 Coach Dealer 2002 .....

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4 Coach Industry Supplier 2002 .....

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Livery

If you wish to enter Individual Coach Livery 2002 must send a suitable photograph along with your company name to: Mike Morgan, Editor, *CBW*, Media House, Lynchwood, Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6EA.
All entries will be displayed in *CBW*.

❑ Please tick here if you enclose a photograph with this entry

Other awards

The following categories do not require an entry because the winners are determined as part of a separate process:

CTC Coach-Friendly Resort 2002
Special Contribution to the Coach Industry
Best British Coach Operator 2002
Coach of the Year (41-plus seats)
Midicoach of the year (17-40 seats)
Minicoach of the Year (9-16 seats)

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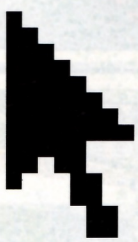

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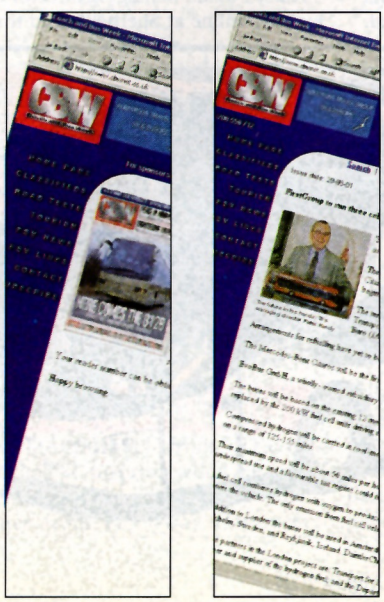

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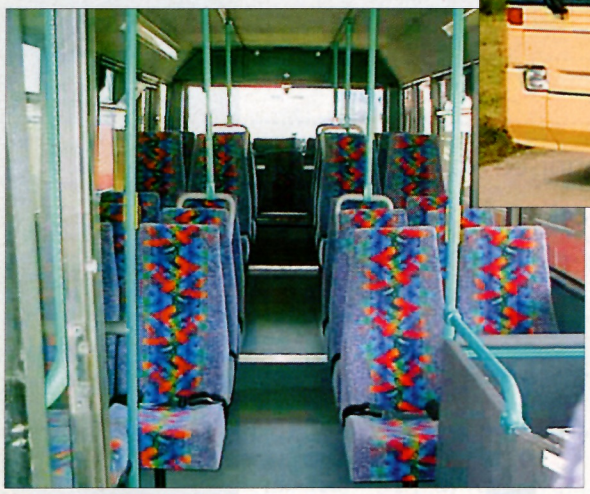

FLEETMASTER

TURNERS TOURS of Devon has taken delivery of what is believed to be the only Plaxton Pointer with high-back seats and seatbelts.

The 1992 former London 8.5-metre Dennis Dart was supplied by Fleetmaster, the Horsham-based dealer. The vehicle has been repainted, tested and fitted with new coach-type seats with retractable lap belts.

Airlinks

ARRIVA BUS & COACH

AIRLINKS, the Airport Coach Company, which is part of the National Express Coach Division, has bolstered its already substantial fleet of DAF Bus vehicles with 20 Van Hool Alizée T9 SB3000s supplied by Arriva Bus & Coach.

The latest intake includes 14 Jetlink-liveried coaches with 49 seats, three-point belts and air conditioning. They're being used on the well-established network of services which deliver travellers to London's four airports.

The other six coaches carry Virgin livery and are used on crew transfers. A high specification includes 32 seats, air conditioning and washroom facilities.

Airlink's managing director, Jack Henry, says the DAF Bus/Van Hool combination is ideally suited to the business both in terms of maintenance costs and fuel consumption.

All 20 coaches are fitted with ZF Ecomat 5HP600 automatic gearboxes.

First Mainline Solos on PTE contracts

OPTARE

FIRST MAINLINE has introduced five Optare Solos on a batch of South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive contracts, taking the group-wide total of these award-winning lowfloor buses over the 100 mark.

Eight FirstGroup subsidiaries now operate a total of 104 Solos in the United Kingdom, mostly on quality partnership routes.

Mainline's five 8.5-metre Solos are dedicated to a package of supported hail-and-ride services, including five on the tortuous inter-peak M67 service from Sheffield to Stocksbridge via the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

Routes 91 and 92 cover the industrial areas between Sheffield, Parkway, Darnall and Tinsley.

Gary Nolan, managing director of First Mainline at Sheffield, said that the response from the public was overwhelming and the service, which had been taken over from a smaller independent, was performing excellently. "I'm very impressed with the performance of the Optare Solos and, although we do not have passenger figures to make a before and after comparison, I'm sure that ridership is definitely growing," he said.

Ayats Bravo 1/MAN joins trio of Centurys at Laguna

ANGLO-AMERICAN

LAGUNA of Bournemouth has taken delivery of an Ayats Bravo 1 from Anglo American Coach Industries.

The vehicle's specification includes 350hp MAN ZF HP600 automatic gearbox and 75 Vogel seats.

The coach joins a trio of Scania Centurys in the Laguna fleet and the majority of its work will be generated by the company's hotel.

The Bravo 1 specification includes: Intarder, multi-screen video system, radio/PA system, fresh-water toilet, refrigerator, hot drinks facility, on-board vacuum cleaner, Webasto auxiliary heating system, double glazing, power luggage lockers, climate-controlled air conditioning, reversing camera, cruise control, driver's door, rear-wheel steering, courier seat.

fleet is boosted with 20 Alizées

High-spec Beaver complements TransLinc Cheetah

TRANSBUS PLAXTON

TRANSLINC of Lincolnshire has just taken delivery of a new Plaxton Beaver to join a Plaxton Cheetah delivered earlier this year.

Both vehicles are based on a Mercedes-Benz Vario chassis and are used on specific contracts.

The Beaver has 33 high-backed seats with seatbelts and operates regular stage-carriage services incorporating home-to-school transport, for a mainly rural route linking Peterborough and Stamford six days a week.

The Cheetah is also a 33 seater with belts and has been purchased primarily for a home-to-school contract organised by a private school.

The high interior specification of both vehicles makes them suitable for private-hire work when not engaged on their regular contracts.

Carole Smith, director of logistics at TransLinc, said: "We find that customers are willing to pay for quality and that value for money, rather than the lowest price, is becoming increasingly important.

"Maintaining systems to the ISO9002 standard requires a lot of work but it provides independent verification of the standards we work to." While these are TransLinc's first new Plaxton coaches, TransLinc sales engineer Dave Overton stresses that the company is no stranger to TransBus products, with a sizeable fleet of Dennis Javelins. "We see this delivery as building on the existing strong relationship between TransBus and TransLinc."

Legendary Starr presents Renault Master to JD's

HOLLOWAY COMMERCIALS

JOHN DALGLESH from JD's of Annan had a surprise when he collected his new luxury Renault Master 16-seater from Holloway Commercials of Willenhall, West Midlands. Legendary soul singer, Edwin Starr, was visiting Holloway's to seek a new tour vehicle and he kindly agreed to present the new vehicle to Mr Dalglesh, who is a great fan of Edwin's.

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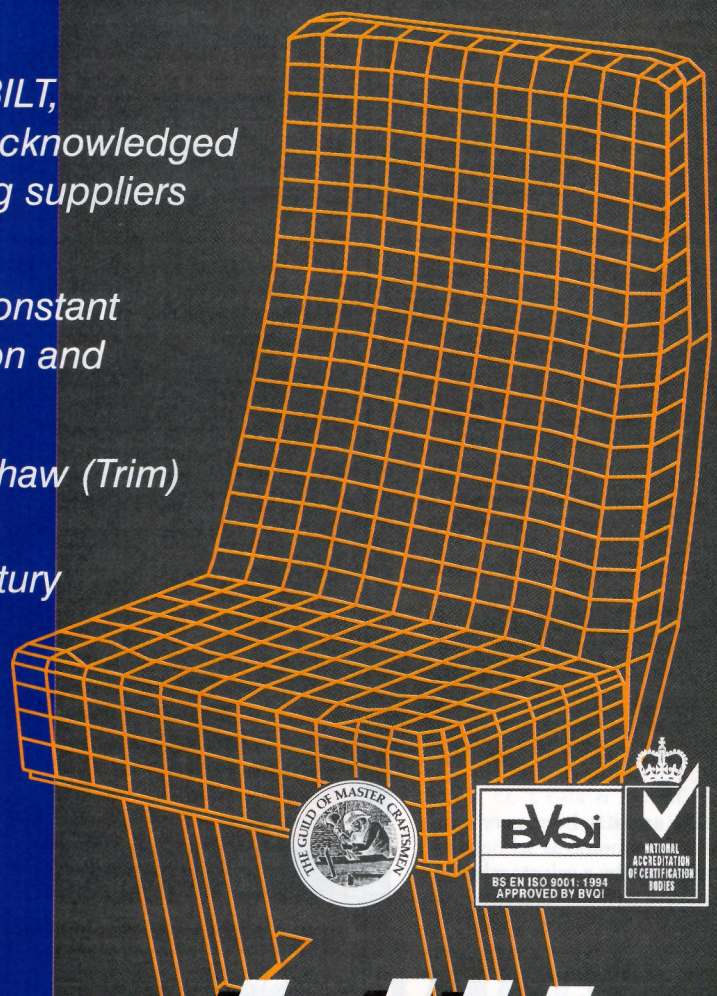

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PEOPLE

New posts boost for Volvo Bus

VOLVO Bus has made two new appointments, aimed at strengthening its operations in the UK and Ireland.

Nick Page continues to spearhead the Volvo Bus overall direction in the provision of financial and contractual products, becoming business development manager.

Chris Morris has been appointed parts development manager.

Mr Page, 40, will work closely with Volvo Financial Services to develop contractual solutions, such as the recent one that saw him play a major part in Volvo Bus taking over servicing and maintenance of the First Bradford fleet. He will report directly to Volvo Bus managing director Mike Ball.

Mr Morris, 43, will assume the responsibilities for day-to-day management of parts, product and pricing issues and the border between dealers and customers on parts issues. He has worked in a variety of marketing roles at Volvo and will report directly to national parts development manager Neil Freeman.

Chris Morris: parts development

Nick Page: business development

Commenting on the appointments, Mike Ball said: "We already have one of the strongest and most experienced teams in the coach and bus business and these latest developments demonstrate our intention to shape our organisation to meet the changing needs of our customers' operations."

Fraser Eagle appointment

TRAVEL expert David Roberts has joined leading Lancashire coach operation and travel company Fraser Eagle in Accrington.

The newly-appointed business development manager is bringing with him a wealth of experience. His CV includes experience as a travel agent, a coach driver and a tour operator - as well as time spent working in travel industry sales.

"I have covered many facets of the business and see this as my most challenging opportunity to date. Fraser Eagle is a progressive company and it is a particularly exciting time join," he said.

His arrival is welcomed by Fraser Eagle's managing director Ken Savage: "We are delighted to add someone of David's stature within the industry to our team.

"He is a determined professional with wide travel knowledge and very much an ideas man. His appointment underlines our commitment to providing the very best service for all our customers at all times."

Working under the Worldchoice arm Mr Roberts has special responsibilities for the departures division.

Arriva Cymru drivers' record is recognised

Chief constable Richard Brunstrom and Arriva Cymru managing director Steve Green (front) with (l to r) Ken Davies, Alyn Davies, operations controller Howard Farrall, Enoch Davies and Colin Pryce

RICHARD Brunstrom, chief constable of North Wales Police presented awards to four Arriva Cymru drivers, who have completed a total of 120 years of accident-free driving between them.

All Arriva Cymru drivers are automatically entered into the Road Operators' Safety Council's (ROSCO) Safe Driving Awards scheme. The scheme monitors sustained periods of safe driving and those who pass are rewarded with badges and certificates.

The longest-serving safe driver of 35 years with the company is Colin Pryce, who works from the group's Machynlleth depot. Ken Davies, of Arriva's Chester depot, and Alyn Davies, of the New Quay depot, both completed 30 years of safe driving, while Enoch Davies, also of New Quay, has driven with a clear record for 25 years.

Arriva Cymru md Steven Green said: "These drivers are testimony to our commitment to providing safe and reliable public transport services for the people of north Wales. All four have shown a tremendous driving history and we are delighted to recognise their achievements."

First Huddersfield man is mayor

FIRST Huddersfield is congratulating one of its employees on becoming the Mayor of Huddersfield.

Councillor Mohan Sokhal has worked as a bus driver for 32 years and is a Justice of the Peace, as well as being a governor at a local junior school. He was also given an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List during June, for services to the bus industry.

Mr Sokhal and his wife, Asha, joined his colleagues and Mick Herdman, managing director of First Huddersfield, in an informal presentation. Mr Sokhal was presented with two limited edition miniature buses and a large bouquet of flowers was given to his wife.

After a thankful speech, he enjoyed praise for all his years of dedication to various community organisations. "I am delighted to have been made the Mayor of Huddersfield, I am also very proud to be a bus driver. The management and all my colleagues have offered great support to me over the last few years and I am very grateful to them."

Commenting on Mr Sokhal's success, Mick Herdman said: "Mohan is a great inspiration to us all, and he has proved that, through hard work, we can achieve great things."

Mohan Sokhal with wife Asha and md Mick Herdman

Smartcard readers for Herts

TICKET inspectors in Hertfordshire are to be equipped with Smartcard readers from Thyron Technologies to streamline the implementation of concessionary pass schemes. The system will allow Hertfordshire County Council to monitor and analyse the usage of these schemes as well as acting as a deterrent to abuse.

Thyron's hand-held PayCell unit was chosen for its ability to read cards without physical contact - allowing speedy cardholder validation and instant comparison with the council's database of registered users.

This means immediate ability to establish the legitimacy of the user and to verify the level of concession appropriate. Accurate data is then recorded to allow proper reimbursement to the operating company.

PayCell relies on dual-band GSM and GPRS communication technology and will support four separate card types.

■ Contact Bill Thompson at Thyron on 01923 236050 or email *bill.thompson@thyron.com*

New Merlin DC/AC converter

MERLIN Equipment has developed a new DC/AC converter that will allow on-board use of almost all mains-powered equipment - including computers, TVs, videos, and power tools - without need for a mains link or a generator.

The PROsine system produces a pure sine wave that can achieve clean AC power without any interference - unlike previous modified sine wave inverters. The unit also employs the latest power conversion technology for light weight and high reliability. It is supplied with one of three connection options, a UK socket for direct connection of appliances, AC hardwire for connection direct to the vehicle's C system or an AC hardwire with a transfer switch.

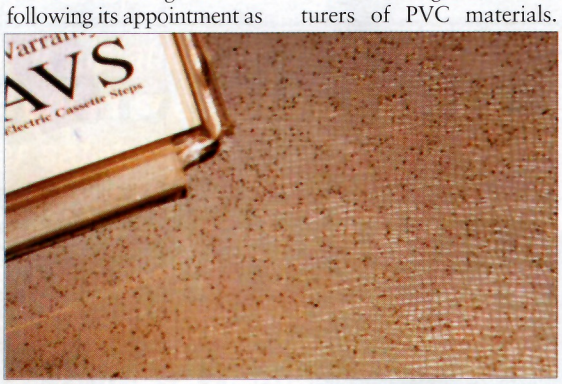
The transfer switch option is expected to be the most popular choice as it allows operators to switch between inverter, mains hook up or generator - with seamless switching. It comes in 12v or 24v versions and is fully protected against surges or power spikes. The PROsine 1000I costs £650 and there is a larger 1800 watt model for those with requirement for frequent use of heavy-duty equipment.

Merlin's PROsine 1000I DC/AC converter

■ Details on 01202 697979 or e-mail *sales@the-merlin-group.com*

AVS to supply Sathis Buflon floor covering

AVS has launched a range of new floor covering materials following its appointment as UK stockist for Sathis Buflon - one of the largest manufacturers of PVC materials.



Sathis Buflon Metal floor covering in the Ford Transit PTS

Keith Clarke of AVS said: "We stock two-metre-wide flooring at our factory in Shropshire. Customers can buy material by the roll but we also provide a free cutting service.

"This benefits some customers who buy just the amount they need, when they need it. It helps reduce their costs, handling time and cuts installation time.

Among the product range is a foam-backed material called Metal - for vehicles fitted with tracking - and it has been incorporated into the new Ford Transit PTS specification. Another is called Solsilence - this has a smooth, scratch-resistant surface with a dense foam backing to reduce road noise.

It also has anti-bacteriological impregnation and is suitable for where cleanliness and ease of cleaning is essential.

■ Additional information on the range of products and samples of the material can be obtained by calling AVS on 01948 880010, or e-mail *avasales@aol.com*

Michelin A2 saves on fuel - claim

MICHELIN Energy A2 tyres are claimed to offer even greater savings in fuel costs. Michelin claims up to 35% additional mileage can be achieved and 6.0% savings on fuel - compared to its existing XDA launched in 1998.

The company says the XDA2 has a lower rolling resistance coupled with a new tread design and a revised rubber compound that is more energy efficient and requires less power to drive. These improvements are said to be achieved without compromising grip or handling, therefore stability and safety factors are retained.

The combination of a stronger casing sidewall and the new tread pattern allows the XDA2 to produce a larger contact patch than its predecessor. The benefits of these developments are available throughout the XDA2 Energy range.

■ Details on 01782 402020.

Terence Barker Tanks - new maintenance service

Guidance on new pollution regs

IN PREPARATION for the impending Control of Pollution Regulations on oil storage, Terence Barker Tanks has created a new maintenance service division specifically to service and maintain above-ground oil storage tanks. The venture is headed by Stuart Monk, who has a long career in the fuel storage industry.

The aims of the division are to remove the burden of potential tank and pump problems while ensuring operators stay within the stringent new laws.

It will be backed by a free telephone consultation service where advice will be available on tank location, all aspects of fuel storage and how to comply with the new regulations. These require all non-domestic concerns to show that their storage facilities are maintained regularly by a competent person or organisation.

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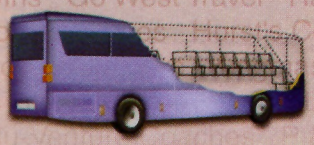

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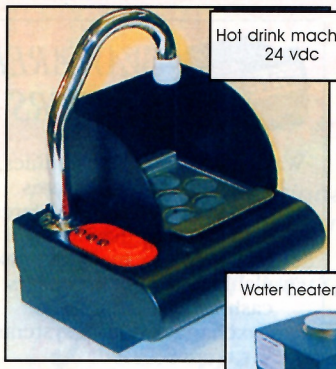

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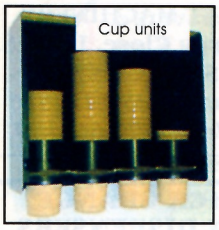

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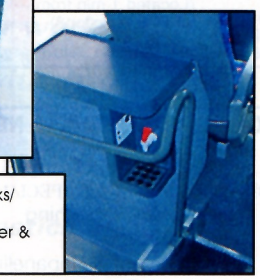

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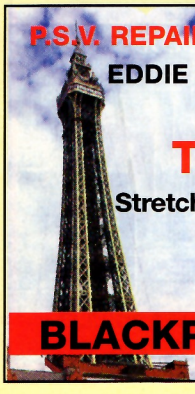

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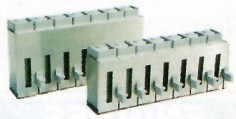

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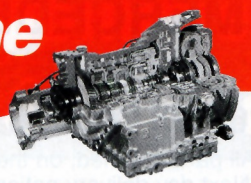

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TENDER FOR LOCAL BUS SERVICES (STAGE CARRIAGE) AND SCHOOL BUS SERVICES IN LYMINGTON, FORDINGBRIDGE AND RINGWOOD IN HAMPSHIRE

FEBRUARY 2002 TO FEBRUARY 2006

The County Council is inviting applications from suitably qualified contractors for inclusion on a select tender list for the above bus services. Details of the tender are given below and companies should submit the information requested in paragraph 4 so that an assessment of the company can be made before the tenders are sent out.

1. **Name, address, telephone number and fax number of the contracting authority.**
   Hampshire County Council
   County Surveyor
   The Castle
   Winchester SO23 8UD
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2. **Details of the Work.**
   Provision of local bus services (stage carriage) and school bus services in Lymington, Fordingbridge and Ringwood from 16th February 2002 to 18th February 2006. Each service will be tendered individually although tenderers will have the opportunity to submit combination bids as necessary. Alternative tenders to the service detail will be allowed provided that they generally comply with the specification set down by Hampshire County Council.
   Services must be provided under the terms of the 1985 Transport Act and can only be created by companies complying with the legal and operational requirements of the relevant Traffic Commissioner.
   Approximately 30 bus operators are normally invited to tender for these services.

3. **Where applicable, the legal form to be assumed by the grouping of service providers winning the contract.**
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4. **Any interested companies must apply in writing to the address in paragraph 1** for the attention of The Contracts Officer, Passenger Transport Group, enclosing their Certificate of Registration issued by the relevant Traffic Commissioner, to arrive no later than 14th September 2001.
   Tender documents will be sent out in October 2001.

5. **Criteria for the award of the contract.**
   The County Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. The basis for comparison of tenders will be to secure the required service by means of the most cost-effective and economic use of funds available to the County Council. Consideration will also be given to the fares and quality standards offered by Contractors.

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